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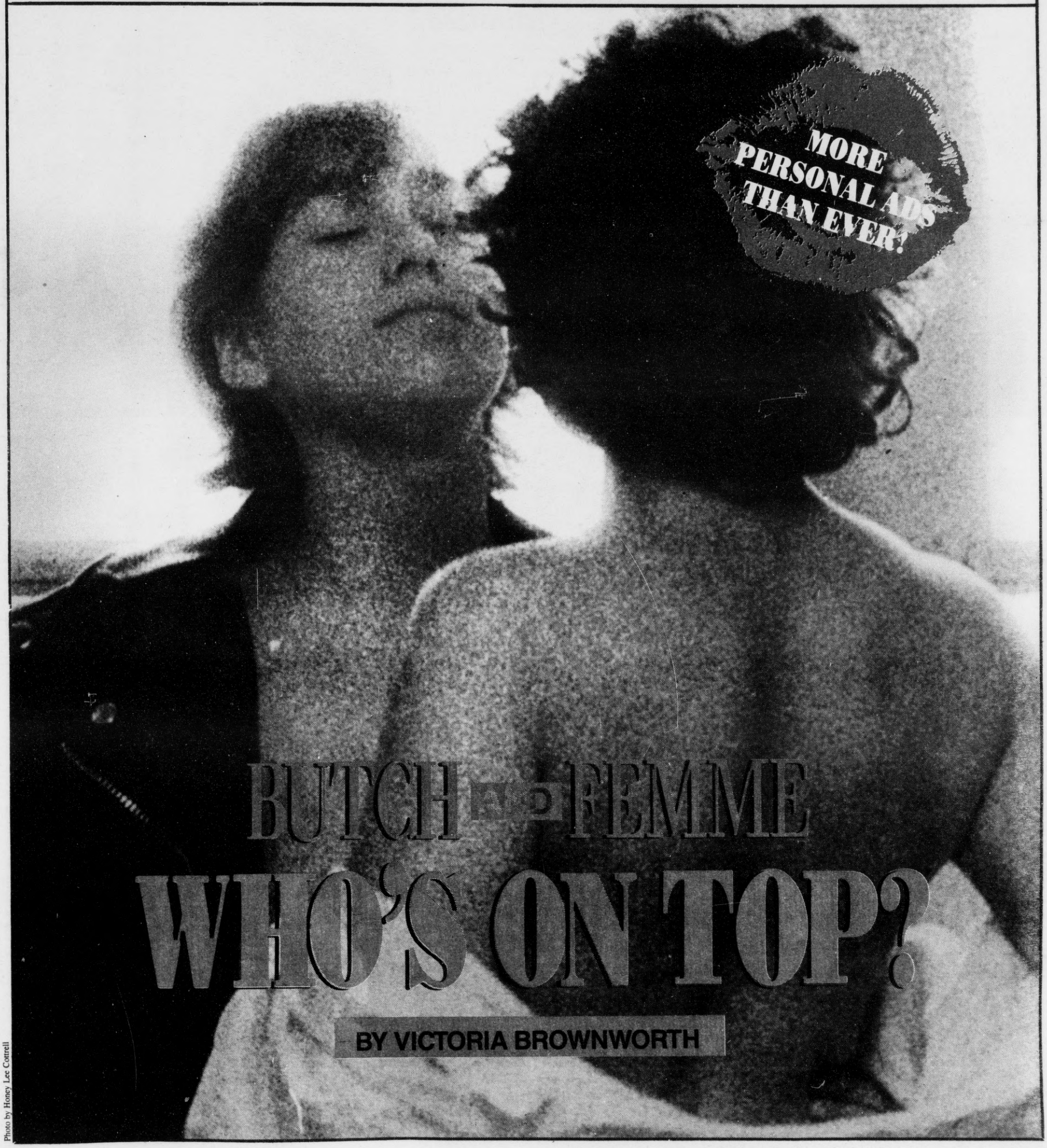
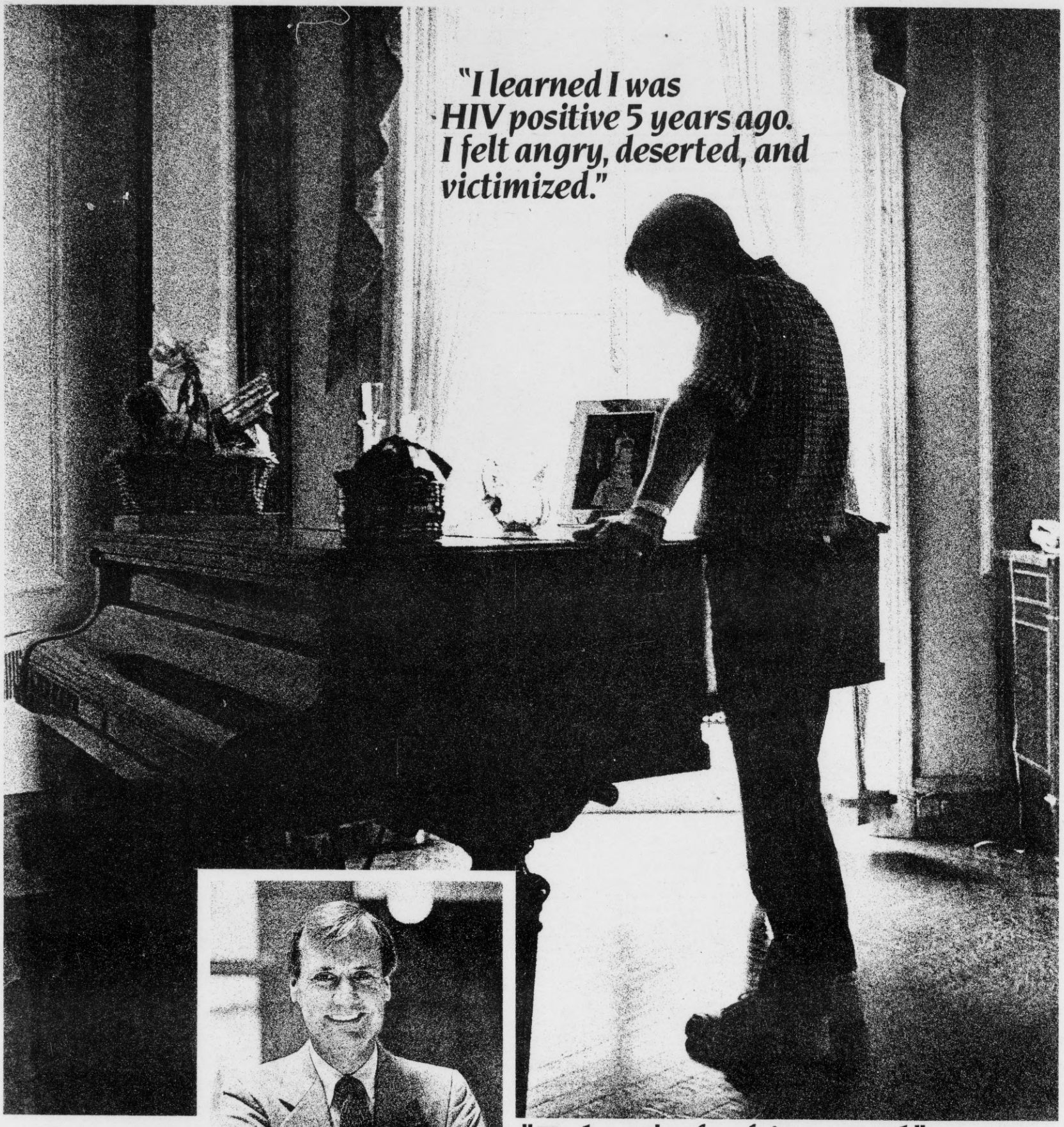


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BY VICTORIA BROWNWORTH





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LETTERS

Don't Hide Like I Did

It's been a long time since I've taken a stand for my fellow gays. I left my job of six months, after struggling to pretend I'm straight to get the special privileges, like time off to visit with in-laws and family functions.

I worked at a cafe next to a bowling alley in Santa Cruz. We in Santa Cruz like to believe we've gotten somewhere with Gay Rights. Well it just isn't true. As soon as your employer finds out that you're gay, there comes the bad scheduling, no pay raise, etc.

The reason I'm writing this letter is to let you know, like I've had to learn, don't hide like I did, behind the mask of our persecuters. Don't let them tell gay jokes, don't let them get away with it!

Don't do what I did. Do what I'm going to do from now on. Say it loud: I'm Gay and I'm proud. There's lots of jobs out there, with employers who only care if you can do the job and understand that like straight people, we have families and lovers and friends *just like them.*

Let Gay Pride week run from summer to summer, let it be every day of your life. Get involved, make your life count. Tell them we're Queer, here and very near.

Santa Cruz has been struggling to get back on our feet since the Quake. Please, when you come to visit us, try some places downtown. Unlike the boardwalk area, they like our money. Come visit our lesbian/gay community center. We even have a quarterly called the Lavender Reader. We sure could use some big city support. Thank you *SF Bay Times* just for being.

Connie Bertush
Santa Cruz

Denying the Debilitating Effects of EI

Thank you for your generous article on environmental illness in the December 1990 issue ("Living With Environmental Illness"). As a lesbian with EI and one of the women featured in the article, I appreciate your willingness to give EI a big boost toward visibility and recognition with your sensitive coverage of MCS (Multiple Chemical Sensitivity).

Some of the disparaging academic argument surrounding the syndrome was particularly well portrayed. Hopefully readers will get some real understanding of the powerful handicaps that just this political battling in itself presents to those of us struggling with the illness. Put together the mindfuck that chemical company lobbyists have created denying the debilitating effects of toxic chemicals with the pervasive minimization and "psychoanalyzing" that women's health issues receive, and you can see the great fun that we have getting serious attention paid to our struggles with EI—this profound invalidation *is* one of the most debilitating obstacles we face.

Unfortunately the political controversy/smokescreen gets so thick that the medical manifestations of the syndrome and our various struggles with treatment get undermined and add to our invisibility. It is my hope that a sequel article some time in the future can be written to offer more in-depth coverage of these aspects of the illness as well.

People with EI exhibit a wide range of disease processes including Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, cytomegalovirus and other herpes family viruses, hepatitis, Candida and various fungal/parasitic infestations, severe asthma, contact dermatitis, neurological disorders, and various autoimmune diseases such as Hashimoto's thyroiditis and ovarian disease. And contrary to the claims of "unfounded medical evidence" that many of our antagonists put forth, blood tests of people with EI *do* reveal many and varied dysfunctional immune system parameters. Those of us who are financially able to attain appropriate blood testing (immunological medical care is *extremely* expensive) may show up with abnormal B cells, T cells, NK cells and lymphocytes; indicators of adrenal and endocrine system depletion; high titers to EBV, CMV, and hepatitis; abnormal MRI scans; and measurements of lipid-bound chemical residues above the population average—to name only few.

Symptoms we experience on a daily basis may include severe multisystems pain, migraine headaches, chronic gastrointestinal and genitourinary disturbance, debilitating fatigue, musculoskeletal problems (neuromuscular pain, discoordination and weakness; arthritic pain and stiffness), neurological dysfunction (seizures, severe dizziness, and substantial cognitive impairment including "brain fog," extreme difficulty with concentration, focusing, and short-term memory function), dermatological problems (pervasive severe hives/rashes) and more.

I detail these medical features of enviornmental illness both to counter the prevailing negation of our situation that is so damaging to our struggle *and* to offer validation to others out there who may be experiencing environmental illness unawares. Dr. Alan Levin asserts that environmental illness is "not a major overwhelming problem yet" and that "the incidence of affected people isn't that high." Is this based on the number of cases that reach the attention of medical professionals? Remember when incidences of incest, sexual abuse, and rape were once considered statistically rare based on numbers reported to "appropriate authorities"?

Devastating fallout from the virtual chemical assault in "developed countries" during the last two decades is no doubt profoundly more far reaching than we even know, and in fact the incidence of affected people—*particularly women*—is higher than many are able (or willing) to acknowledge. Let us not allow the smokescreen of "insufficient objective/scientific evidence" to insult our intelligence and obscure reality. We who are ill, especially those of us severely so, end up paying the price of such repudiation through increased isolation.

On a personal note I would also like to add that there are some dedicated sources of support "out there" in the lesbian community. There are womyn who have been willing/able to assist in our struggles for safe air and accessible space. I only hope that these beginning ripples of support grow wider and stronger and that those of us with EI can really experience the embrace of a larger community.

Marty Jaye
San Francisco

Taking E.I. Seriously

I had a very positive and intense reaction to Christina Smith's article on "Living with Environmental Illness." I have been living with the knowledge of this illness since 1980. My symptoms predate that time by over ten years.

To me, the naming of Environmental Illness is similar to the breakthrough of Betty Freidan's book, the *Feminine Mystique*, which dared to describe the "problem with no name" (women's oppression) in the early '60s. There is much pain in feeling victimized by something mysterious, something people prefer to stay in denial about. It is also extremely painful to be shunned by the women's community, or by co-workers or the left, all of whom claim some concern on behalf of other oppressed people.

Finally the media is beginning to deal with the problem of Environmental Illness seriously. This birth came with such hard labor, as did the Miner's struggle to cope with Black Lung or the United Farmworkers' long battle to expose the effects of pesticides. But it is finally happening and the *SF Bay Times* should be proud to be part of that process.

Many of us with E.I. have been tremendously inspired by ACT UP and its understanding of how to channel pain and anger into activism. That collective support helps us overcome our isolation and focus our energies in ways that aid our recovery process in the broadest sense. This empowerment heals on many levels, enabling us to stop blaming ourselves for becoming ill, to forgive those who rejected us because they didn't understand what was going on, and finally gives us the will to cope with the many obstacles in our way to clearly achieving the research, treatment and services that have been given to those with more "socially acceptable" illnesses.'

We stand on their shoulders and applaud your serious coverage. This is an important beginning dialogue in the women's and lesbian community.

My heartfelt thanks,
(Name Withheld By Request)
An Activist in PISD (People with Immune System Disorders)
Many of us still working must remain closeted!

Gaps in "Environmental Illness" Story

The *SF Bay Times*, as the Bay Area's best source of news about lesbian/women's health issues, reaches a large audience with important information. This information should be presented in a way that makes sense. Christina Smith's article, "Living With Environmental Illness" (*SF Bay Times*, December 1990) covered a lot of ground but had some serious gaps.

The many references to both allergies and immune-system boosters establish an unexplained contradiction. How does an allergic condition, which means an overactive immune system, end up depressing the immune system? Some clinical ecologist must have at least a tentative theory. By failing to discuss the contradiction, Smith undermines the point she is trying to make, that MCS/EI is a real medical condition.

The concluding claim, that environmental destruction could make MCS/EI universal, could be much stronger. It could be backed up by statistics—even rough statistics. How many people have the condition now? Are there more cases in more polluted parts of the country? The claim that MCS/EI is primarily a women's condition also needs support. What census of sufferers has been taken?

Had Smith written up "Living With Environmental Illness" as an interview, these questions would be less important. A feature article needs to be better researched.

Despite these problems, I'm glad to see women's health getting into the news. Keep up the good work, *Bay Times* and especially Christina Smith—but please try to be more careful next time.

Rebecca Ripley
Menlo Park

CFIDS, EI Concern Everyone

I want to thank you for your article on Environmental Ilness that appeared in your December issue. As someone who suffers from both EI and Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome I really appreciated your unbiased reporting. I notice that you regularly cover the latest medical information regarding AIDS & ARC and would like to see you treat CFIDS & EI, which affect primarily women, in the same light. These are all illnesses that affect the immune system in one way or another and therefore should concern everyone who lives today.

Marcia Fisher, LCSW
Oakland

Racist and You Know It

So where are all the Black Sistahs with MCS? Is this another case of being ignored in outreach, underrepresented in statistics and over-represented in the morgue?

Renaye Brown
Oakland

PS. I'm really tired of that "get a woman" ad. The image of the snarling dark animal ravishing the white princess is racist and you know it.

Accessibility In the Women's Community

Thanks for your article, "Living with Environmental Illness" in December's *SF Bay Times*. I want to acknowledge the efforts reporter Christina Smith made to become environmentally safe by changing her personal-care products. This made it possible for her to come into the homes of those of us interviewed for the article.

But because Christina was not able to become completely free of scented products (residue from perfumes lingers on clothes and in hair for weeks), she was unable to visit a homebound, severely ill lesbian whose name she had been given. All of us interviewed urged Christina to talk to that lesbian (Naja Sorella) by telephone, because her perspective as a woman who rarely leaves her home is essential to understanding EI. Although Christina made a few late attempts to contact Naja, she clearly did not prioritize including her so Naja was not interviewed. An article by Naja, "A/part of the Community" can be found in *Sinister Wisdom* #39.

Also, while affirming my statement that most wimmin's lesbian and gay organizations do very poorly in providing access at events and meeetings, I also want to acknowledge Wry Crips Disabled Women's Theatre Arts, the Women's Cancer Resource Center, and the Jewish Lesbian Writers Group as organizations which have made an ongoing commitment to providing access for people with EI as well as other disabilities. For information on how to make events accessible, send a SASE to Wry Crips, PO Box 21474, Oakland 94620 or call (415)

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BUTCH AND FEMME WHO'S ON TOP?



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When we see the words "butch" and "femme," what images do we conjure up? Fifties bulldykes in leather jackets with their femme girlfriends in Connie Francis dresses and beehive hairdos? Or Pat Califia in chaps and dildo escorted by a sultry Susie Sexpert in garter belt and lavender nipple clamps? Or do we simply see the whirl of controversy and wonder what it all means?

Pre-Stonewall, butch and femme was all there seemed to be. There were different levels of it: the aforementioned fifties dykes in their working class drag or the intellectual Susan Sontag/Lorraine Hansberry set in their beatnik attire. Still, there were the butches and there were the femmes, and there was precious little crossover.

Post-Stonewall, the butch/femme persona seemed to become history. A few hardcore throwbacks still held onto the notion of a sexual separation between some lesbians and others, but they appeared to be mostly nonfeminist lesbians or the working class women whose lives revolved around the bars and clubs, rather than consciousness-raising groups and gay pride marches.

And yet, two decades after Stonewall, the butch/femme debate is more lively than it ever was. Why?

Partly it has to do with a new kind of sexual revolution—the lesbian sexual revolution. Stonewall and the gay sexual revolution that followed it was a seriously male event—lesbians were there, but they weren't included. Lesbianism in the seventies followed the line of the second wave of feminism. While gay men were having fun, lesbians were forging their political consciousness. The fun would come later.

And it did—*much* later. It started discretely in San Francisco and New York with the advent of the lesbian pro-sex movements. Suddenly, wave after wave of lesbians decided that politics wasn't enough. If lesbians were going to be defined by their sexuality, then they ought to be having sex.

And as women began to coin terms like "non-monogamous" (a word that never even *occured* to gay men) and "serial monogamy," sex started happening with a vengeance on both Coasts. And as it did, a subtle change began—the old discussion of "who's on top" started anew.

In the late seventies, the pro-sex movement came head-to-head with the anti-sex movement: lesbians against lesbians, feminists against feminists. When the lesbian feminist movement in New York began the anti-pornography crusade, the pro-sex dykes fought back as hard as if it were the Right-wing male establishment that was causing the fuss.

Lesbian erotica was born out of the Zeus-head of the anti-pornography wave—partially because it was being born anyway, and partially in retaliation. Some lesbians had waited a long time to have sex and have fun, and didn't want to be told what kind of sex was politically correct and what kind wasn't.

The debate spilled over into traditionally accepted areas of the lesbian community—like the festival circuit. Soon pro-sex lesbians in leather and lace were viewed with the same disdain as lesbian alcoholics, drug addicts and smokers. Along with the chemically free space at festivals came the s/m sex space. Such behaviors were deemed offensive and "male" (the worst pejorative) and were rejected out of hand by some festivals and made the subject of interminable debate by others. The land of open lesbianism was suddenly becoming rigid and closed.

The debate has quieted some in the last couple of years—it's no longer the topic of endless issues of *off our backs* and *Lesbian Connection*—but it still simmers. Half the lesbian feminist bookstores in the country still refuse to carry lesbian erotica, especially magazines like *On Our Backs* and *Bad Attitude*. And the festivals still debate over whether butch/femme/s/m sex can be allowed—or should be. Women with pro-sex agendas, such as Susie Bright (see Sexpert) or Pat Califia, can still inspire pickets in small towns and the Midwest.

And at the heart of the debate is something that would seem, frankly, to be an intensely private issue: what women do in bed togehter, how they do it, and who's on top when they do it.

The question of butch and femme has to do with the essential differences between the politically correct, lie-together-on-your-sides-and-have-orgasms-at-the-same-moment-we're-like-sisters notion of lesbianism and the some-women-are-harder-and-some-women-are-softer-and-not-everybody-comes-the-same-way notion of lesbianism. The latter encompasses the butch/femme idea—that some women don't want to be "in charge" and others do. That for every lesbian who looks like Madonna there's another who looks like Phranc. And, as the French say, *vive la difference!*

What gets objected to in the butch/femme debate is that political bagaboo: mimicking the straight culture. The anti-sex lobby contends that butch/femme behavior mimics traditional male/female roles in society—and as a consequence is predicated on anti-woman behavior and subjugation of women. The pro-sex lobby argues the opposite—that butch/femme sexual identities offer lesbians options, sexual freedoms, the opportunity to express all aspects of their sexuality.

The definitions differ according to the lobby speaking, but everyone tends to agree on the overall image: butch is hard, femme is soft.

"I guess when I think of butch and femme, I think of butch as dildoes and mustaches, and I'm not at all sure what I think femme is," said one lesbian editor in discussing the topic.

"Butch and femme isn't necessarily about *obvious* difference," noted another lesbian author. "It *is* about subtle differences, though, like taking charge, being in control, yielding. The dress and the attitude can be subtle or overt. Some butches dress in leather, slick back their hair, swagger, wear boxer shorts and men's T-shirts. But some femmes slick back their hair and wear leather jackets, too. That's why the issue of *attitude* is so important."

Perhaps no one in the U.S. has better defined what butch and femme is all about than writer Joan Nestle. Nestle is co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York. She is also the author of numerous essays and short stories dealing with the butch/femme discussion, and of *Restricted Country*, her book on growing up queer in fifties New York in the working class butch-femme bars of the Bronx and Manhattan. Nestle is a frequent speaker on the topic, particularly at symposia on sexuality, and she is currently editor of a book to be published next year by Alyson Books on the butch/femme experience, the working title of which is *The Femme/Butch Reader*.

In a recent interview, Nestle talked about the evolution of the butch-femme sensibility, renewed interest and awareness of it, how women act out those "roles" and what those roles mean. Other women were also interviewed for this article, though they preferred not to have their names used for personal reasons.

Nestle is a soft, sultry looking woman of 50, with perfectly manicured nails, wonderful clothes (she likes red) and full, wavy dark hair. Her sensuality is subtle but acute, and as she speaks it is clear that the femme persona is an inherent part of who she is, not a pastiche and not a role that she plays and puts down. Nestle *is* femme, and she speaks about the differences between being femme and being butch with characteristic eloquence. Nestle doesn't believe that the interest in the butch-femme lifestyle is "new"—she thinks it's always been there, to greater and lesser degrees, and there's always been a tremendous amount of interest in it—both from the inside and the outside.

"When I write about this, it's not as an intellectual exercise," she says, "It's not history; it's my life, it's immediate experience. Since it's the way I make love and have loved, it's a source of poetry and passion to me, as well as an 'issue' to be analyzed."

As Nestle describes her life in the world of fifties New York, she describes a process of achieving an identity as a lesbian. Her speech is filled with sensual description (of her mother, a sometime prostitute who had "many lovers," she says. "She wanted me to be her escort, her lover.") that is not so much literal (her mother didn't *actually* want Nestle for her lover) as it is evocative—and provocative. But her tales of the Sea Colony, the working class butch-femme bar that defined her sexual and emotional life as a teenager and young lesbian, are grittily realistic. Much of this world is described in *Restricted Country*. As she talks, brings that world to life. (One older woman said to her after a reading she gave, "Never have I heard someone make so much of so little.")

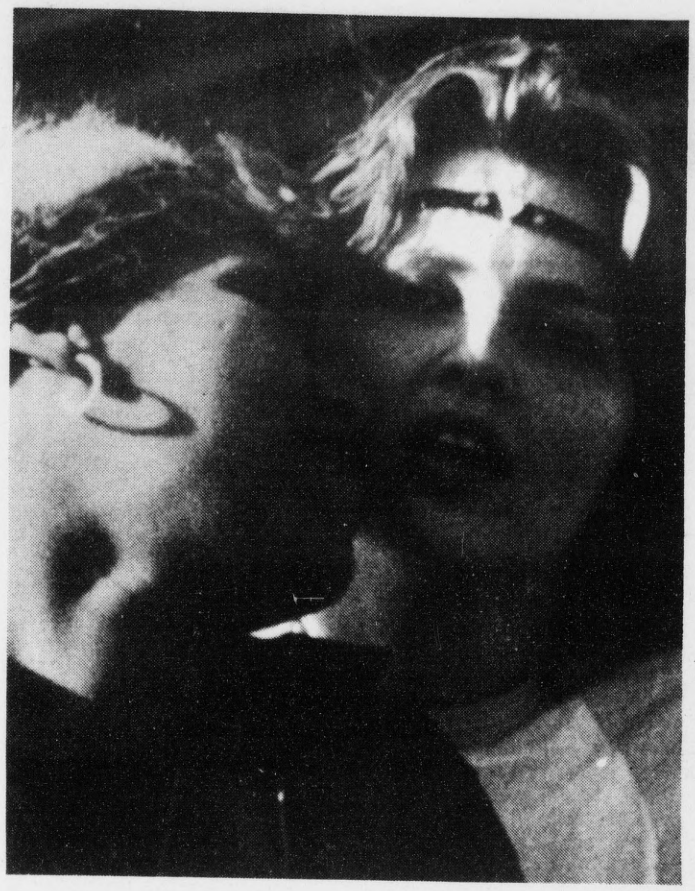
It was, says Nestle, a world with rules as strict as "a military police state" and a world in which violence was an integral part, both "from the police and from ourselves."

Nestle today doesn't "look" the quintessential femme. There are no ruffles and flounces, yet there is the cherry red lipstick and nail polish, and there is that unmistakable aura of femininity. But in the fifties the look was rigid, says Nestle. And dangerous.

"At the Sea Colony, it was really like a military police state, the way we had to be so careful—when we dressed, for example. If my butch date didn't have at least three pieces of women's clothing on, she could be arrested. The simplest social acts were guerilla warfare."

From Nestle's perspective, the butch-femme world she came of age in had a power that the post-Stonewall era doesn't hold. It taught her about life, about rules, about emotions in a way that she would trade for all the post-Stonewall freedoms. "One grows to respect those bars and those women. I would not exchange any of that experience for that of the post-Stonewall era. All my life knowledge, all the good I've done, all the excitement and danger... all these things came out of that time, those experiences."

It was initially out of a sense of anger about her





experiences that Nestle began writing about butch and femme issues. "I wrote initially out of an anger; now I write out of a sense of celebration." It was also these experiences that led her to co-found the Lesbian Herstory Archives, which tell, in part the stories of butch and femme women, of women who passed as men and of "women who would otherwise be lost to history."

Mary, 52, is one of those whose life is delineated by Nestle's writing and by items at the Archives. She describes herself as a "stone butch"—a woman who doesn't try to "pass" as a man, but who has taken on a very male persona. Her lover of 20 years is only allowed to touch her in certain ways. There are definitive rules to the sexual and social aspects of their lives together.

A small, lithe woman with a muscular build and a short, curly haircut, she doesn't exactly look like a man, but she definitely looks like the stereotype of the lesbian. "I was never anything else," she says, "I guess I seem like a dinosaur now, at this time, in the nineties. But in fact I feel more comfortable than ever with my butch identity. Not safer—it's still a problem on the streets and so on. But more comfortable. I really know what I want now, because I've had it. When I was 16, growing up in Kensington (a working class neighborhood in Philadelphia), all I knew for sure was that I liked girls—pretty girls. And that the more like a boy I was, the more they would like me."

It was this that shaped Mary's sexual behavior. In the early years of her lesbianism, the women she went to bed with were women who also dated boys. Mary never let her girlfriends touch her; she thought it would spoil the "illusion" that she was a boy as well. She always kept her T shirt on in bed. She learned to have orgasms by positioning herself in certain ways above her girlfriends as she made love to them. That altered somewhat when she met her current lover, Fran, and their sex life has "gotten more loose," as they have spent more years together.

Fran doesn't have any illusions that Mary is anything but a woman. "I wanted another woman; I didn't want a man. But I also wanted someone strong, who would take care of me. That's what I was raised to want, y'know? We all were. I just found it with Mary, where my sisters found it with men. I love her, I love being made love to by her, I love knowing that I please her, that I have my own sort of control over her, a sexual control. We share that. I don't think that men and women share that. I've talked to my straight women friends. They always talk like they don't get what they want—either he wants too much or he doesn't give her enough. I think that because Mary and I are both women, we are much more aware of what the other needs and wants. Of course, after 20 years you get to know a person's desires pretty well. But these other women I know—they've been with their husbands for as long as I've been with Mary and they still are unhappy, unsatisfied. And I'm not. We have a life together—a sexual life as well as a social life. I don't feel the need to pretend about any part of that. So when you say is butch and femme role-playing for me, I don't know what you mean. It's how we are, it's how we've always been. It isn't a dress-up thing. I'm like this all the time, and Mary's like she is all of the time. When we get into bed at night and we make love, yes I'm always in the same place and so is she. But I'm very happy with that. I don't want to change it at all. There's no sense of frustration or wanting something else, something better or more."

Nestle affirms what Mary and Fran have to say. The anti-erotica movement, she said, has tried to make women ashamed of their sexual choices, and even has tried to take away those choices. Of those voices, Nestle says, "It's too bad those women are always saying the same things. They are so rejecting of other forms of sexual expression; they want to limit our choices. We're not talking about role-playing, but *desire*. What is so frightening to those women is the idea of desire and what desire can really mean. *My* biggest goal is to let there be sexual discussion. To talk about all these feelings, desires, ways of being and loving. I will no longer debate whether I have a *right* to be butch or femme. That's like debating whether I have a right to be Jewish or lesbian."

In Nestle's perception, the butch-femme "question" has been raised precisely because it goes so far beyond role-playing and "dress-up" to the central focus of how lesbians define their relationships to each other. "There are some women who look at other women and say, I love her, she's just like me, she's like my sister. Then there are other women, like myself, who find difference exciting. There can be that one definition—a woman is like my sister, she's just like myself, and then there can be that other definition, a woman is completely different from me—she's top, I'm bottom, I'm leather, she's lace. It doesn't even have to be soft and hard. But there's a difference, and I'm excited by difference the way some women are excited by sameness." But what's important, says Nestle, is that those women who find sameness the most attracting don't get to make all the choices for everyone.

"I hate the whole idea of butch and femme," says Chloe, a lesbian-feminist activist in her late 30's. "I think it's about everything we have tried to escape in our lesbian consciousness. We are trying to create a new identity for ourselves that isn't defined by male standards of behavior and beauty. How can anyone realistically say that butch-femme behavior isn't just lifted whole cloth from the patriarchal way of perceiving women? It really alarms me that women like Nestle and even someone like Susie Bright are out there using their intellect and their energy to promote this kind of thing. It saddens me terribly to see that a woman as smart and savvy and together as Joan Nestle—a woman who is in charge of the Archives for god's sakes, in charge of our *history*, has this oddly limited view about sexuality and lesbianism. We're not just talking about something being outdated or outmoded—we're talking about consciousness, we're talking about influence over a whole new generation of lesbians who, I think, are becoming more and more oriented toward this whole sexual role-playing bit and have just jettisoned feminism altogether."

For Chloe, the arguments each year over open s/m sexuality at the festivals are enraging. "Why should lesbians have to put up with this kind of bullshit that we see everyday in the straight world—women in chains, women in leather, women telling each other what they can do and when? This isn't what I think it means to be a lesbian, and I'm even getting to the point where I think if a woman is into this butch-femme behavior she *isn't* a lesbian. Because she isn't ready or willing to give up the idea of male control, male behaviors, male attitudes about what women are and should be. These women have internalized sexism and homophobia to a point where they just don't think women are worth anything—themselves, each other. And *that* is what I think. And no, I don't want to use my real name, because I am constantly attacked for this kind of attitude; I'm constantly told that I'm rigid, I am trying to disempower women and all that other bullshit that is part and parcel of this whole debate. These women don't put themselves on the line—except for a few like Nestle and Bright and Pat Califia—who more and more I think may actually *be* a man. So no, thank you. You can use my quotes but you can't use my name."

The kind of anger that Chloe feels is echoed in the recurrent debates, particularly at festival time. Other women who are living their lives along the butch-femme line don't see the issue as important at all. Some find the debate irritating, others feel that they are unnecessary. Nestle had repeatedly stated that it's important to open discussion—as have other lesbians such as Esther Newton, Amber Hollibaugh, Cherie Moraga, Susie Bright, and a host of women who continue to write about the issues in essay and erotic form. To Nestle, the debate is fundamental to how she defines herself.

"When people—women—go into these long debates over the rightness and wrongness of butch-femme behavior and alternate sexual behavior, do they understand that they are trying to limit or even end other women's choices? Do they even consider that?"

Susie Bright, editor of *On Our Backs*, says that she thinks the sexual wars are over, *because* the debate is out in the open and because lesbians are "still choosing sex, still choosing what they want to read, and still deciding that they can make those choices irrespective of what is and what isn't politically correct."

If Nestle were to give a definition of what is butch and what is femme and why those terms and behaviors are important, what would she say?

"I think I've said this. Difference. That's the key word here. *Not* all women are the same. Not all women want to make love in the same way. Not all women want to dress the same way, cut their hair the same way, and so on. I started out looking like a stomping butch. But the first time I made love, I knew I was femme. It was a way I wanted to be in bed. I have made love to women wearing dildoes and things, but I have always been femme. Sometimes I would attempt to out-butch my lovers when making love to them. But it was always clear to me that I was attempting to make love like a butch woman—I *wasn't* a butch woman. I'm 50 now—nothing is one way. Lovemaking—life—is many-layered. A femme woman can make love in any way. And I'm always aware of that."

Nestle describes eloquently the strength and power of the butch woman, the lesbian "daddy." Her erotic writing on butch-femme is as steamy as it is realistic. The women interviewed here read selected pieces by Nestle and agreed that she accurately described their lives, the substance, not merely the surface.

In her new book, Nestle will not deal with any of the controversy over butch-femme, but wants to explore the *experience* of it from the vantage point of women who are living their lives in the butch-femme persona. She describes her own writing on the subject as having been born out of "suppressed sexual desire—that's what I began writing about. About these battles for survival."

The new book, which evolved out of an earlier project begun by Esther Newton and Amber Hollibaugh, was requested by publisher Sasha Alyson. "It's mixed genre—poetry, photographs, essays. There are some international pieces, like one from a Filipina woman who defines herself as a "tomboy". These are the voices of tabooed women, an exploration of the butch/femme woman. In *Restricted Country* I think I played it safe, almost apologetic, like I wasn't sure it was okay to write these things. Now I feel it's more important to break some of these boundaries—especially these gender boundaries we have. Butch-femme is a very specific historical experience. I wouldn't say it's behind everything we do, but I think that it's central, it's a part of where we are, where we've come from, where we're going. When we are attracted to other women, how do we exhibit that attraction? These are some of the things I want to touch on with this book."

The butch-femme question has, without a doubt, made it into the mainstream of lesbian theory and consciousness. Even JoAnn Loulan, everybody's favorite lesbian sex therapist, addresses the issue at length in her new book. *The Lesbian Erotic Dance.* Loulan's books on lesbian sexuality—she's been called the lesbian Dr. Ruth—and her research through workshops and questionnaires, have addressed the variety and expansiveness of lesbian sexual experience. In her workshops she focuses on the butch-femme issue by asking women to identify themselves as butch or femme and then asking other women in attendance to identify them as *they* see them. The workshops indicate the power of the question, the central issues it raises for women about standards of femininity and masculinity within the lesbian

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Designer Drugs: A New Generation of AIDS Treatments

BY TIM KINGSTON

After years of anticipation, some of the largest pharmaceutical corporations in the world are finally unveiling their second generation anti-HIV compounds for phase one trials in the United States and Europe. "It has me very excited. We are turning a corner. It is something that enables us to go home at night and sleep, and not go home in despair," exclaims Dr. Sean Fahey, director of clinical research at the New York Community Research Initiative.

"The chemists who have been slaving away in the labs are now coming up with molecules that will interrupt and inhibit the replication of the virus," says Fahey.

This is the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic that strategies of rational drug design are being utilized to combat HIV. Simply defined, rational drug design means that scientists try to make computer models of the virus and then design theoretical compounds they hope will interfere with viral replication.

Dr. Christoffersen, Senior Vice President of Research for SmithKline, asserts, "We are now, in the case of AIDS, able to pick particular targets and aspects of the mechanism of replication to target with specific compounds."

"The more we understand how the virus makes copies of itself, the more targets we have for drug development," says Dr. Paul Volberding, director of the AIDS program at San Francisco General Hospital. "Ideally we would like drugs used in combination to target the virus lifecycle. That is how you can expect drugs to team up against the virus."

TRIALS UNDERWAY

On December 21, Merck Sharp and Dohme, *the* largest pharmaceutical corporation in the world, announced that it has two reverse transcriptase (RT) inhibitors in phase one trials at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda. Like AZT, both compounds attack the virus at an early stage of its lifecycle, preventing HIV from making more virus. The Merck compounds, however, operate in a completely different and potentially less toxic fashion than AZT, says a reliable industry source.

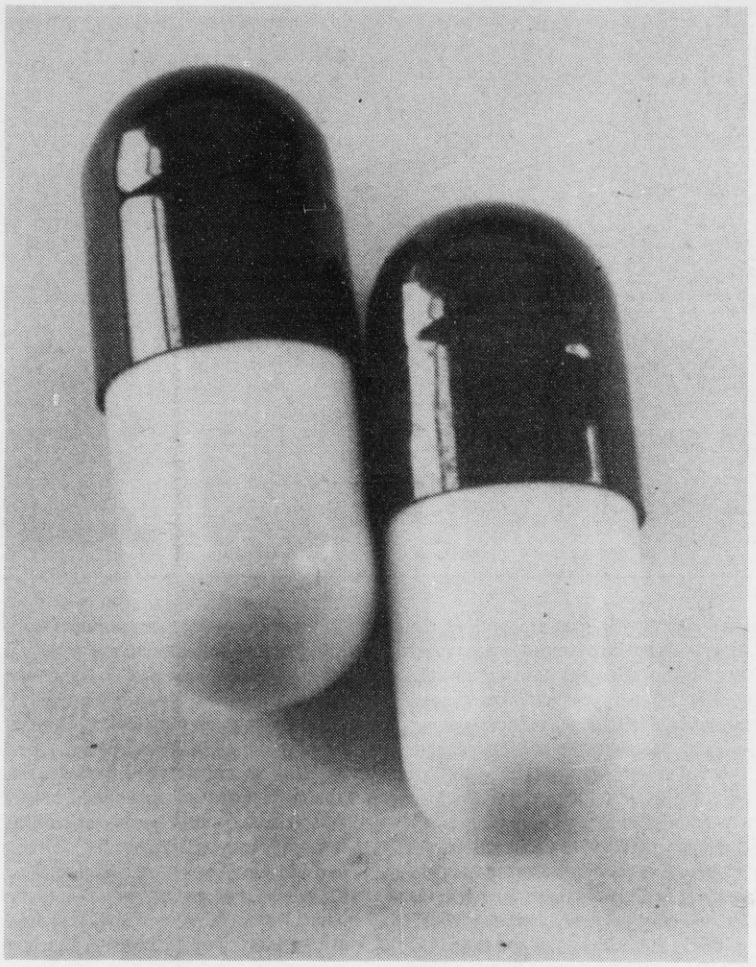
On December 7, Boehringer Ingelheim announced it has developed a highly specific anti-HIV RT inhibitor called BI-RG-587 that is at least as effective as in-vitro AZT. Laboratory tests on serum extracted from HIV-positive individuals reveal that the compound almost exclusively targets the virus, though only HIV-1. The significant specificity means BI-RG-587 will probably not disrupt other cells in the body, as AZT does. And in animal studies, the drug crosses the blood-brain barrier.

According to Dr. John Sullivan, professor of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School who will be coordinating the Boehringer Ingelheim clinical investigations, phase one trials will begin "in the early part of 1991." Dr. Vincent Merluzzi, section leader of the company's viral and cancer immunology team, says that an investigational new drug (IND) application will be filed "in the next several weeks."

Preliminary results lead the Boehringer scientists to hope their drug will cause few side effects. Dr. Sullivan *speculates* hopefully, based on the structure of the drug and studies in tissue culture, that it will have little toxicity "at the dose levels we need to achieve inhibition of the virus, and if there were, it would be the type you see with antihistamine—a mild drowsiness."

PROTEASE INHIBITORS AND TIBO DERIVATIVES

Perhaps even more important is the burgeoning research on protease inhibitors and TIBO derivatives. Protease inhibitors prevent HIV from producing new, fully mature infectious virus. TIBO derivatives are yet another specific type of RT inhibitor, but they are not nucleoside analogs as are AZT, ddC or ddI, which can have significant toxicity. It is hoped both protease inhibitors and TIBO derivatives will be less toxic than AZT, because they target HIV more specifically than the current generation of AIDS treatments.



Finally,

The Big Payoff?

A posse of major corporations are racing toward IND approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the hope of being the first to begin phase one clinical toxicity trials. Abbott, Hoffman-La Roche (of ddC fame), Merck Sharp and Dohme, SmithKline, Upjohn and others are all furiously searching for protease inhibitors that effectively inhibit the virus and are easily absorbed into the bloodstream with few toxic side effects.

"I would say that virtually every major pharmaceutical company in the U.S. is involved in work on protease inhibitors," surmises Dr. Alexander Wlodawer, director of the National Cancer Institute's Macromolecular Structure Laboratory. "If you go down the list... in this country or in Europe, all of them are on it."

Upjohn and Roche are probably the closest to starting U.S. trials. In a fall 1990 issue of the *Journal of Virology*, Roche reported that it had conducted in-vitro experiments with two protease inhibitors that "can completely inhibit" HIV-1 and HIV-2 from releasing P24 antigen and also prevent the maturation of the virus. Roche is currently studying the toxicity of a protease inhibitor in a phase one study of healthy HIV-negative individuals in England, underway since late November. Roche Products Ltd. in England reluctantly confirmed the existence of the phase one trial, but told the *SF Bay Times* "not to expect any results before late spring."

Dr. Paul Ostreicher, Hoffman-La Roche's assistant director of public policy, says the possibility of U.S. clinical trials will be investigated if the British data looks promising, but he declined to say when U.S. trials may begin. (Roche is also researching RT inhibitors in the U.K. and U.S.) Scott Slutsky, a member of ACT UP New York's treatment and data group, and a member of their newly formed committee to keep track of protease inhibitors, believes Roche will start phase one trials in early 1991.

STILL MORE COMPOUNDS

Scientists working with Upjohn reported in the October *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* that *in-vitro* studies of the Upjohn compound U-75875 inhibited HIV processing in infected cells "in an essentially irreversible manner" and "completely blocked HIV replication" in certain cell lines. Dr. Len Post, director of infectious-disease research at Upjohn, says U-75875 has a potential "at least in cell culture" equal to AZT's. But, he stressed that while Upjohn has done animal trials, no efficacy endpoints have been reached yet.

"It is premature to say our protease inhibitor is in development—they are in a discovery mode," says Dr. Post carefully. "Our protease inhibitor project is at a stage where we are looking at multiple compounds. We are still synthesizing new compounds."

Meanwhile, Janssen Research Foundation, a wholly owned Johnson & Johnson subsidiary, is working up a series of second generation TIBO derivatives for testing in the U.S. and U.K. The TIBO derivative work comes after an initially disappointing round of phase one investigations this summer in England. While Janssen officials remain cagey, Dr. Fahey says he spoke to the company in November and suspects it will be filing for a U.S. IND on a TIBO derivative in three to six months. A reliable federal source, however, asserted that Janssen is already testing its new compounds in HIV-positive individuals.

None of the companies involved would comment on when they intend to apply for an IND. A well-informed source at the NIH, however, insisted that the corporations will have a leading clinical compound ready for investigation within four months, and will have a drug in phase one trials within the next 16 months: "And that is an outside estimate," says the source.

The FDA acknowledges that it is currently reviewing protease inhibitor applications from several pharmaceutical companies, but would not identify which firms are involved, nor when a decision on approval of phase one trials is to be expected.

Margeret Johnston, chief of the development and therapeutic branch of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Disease (NIAID) AIDS division, says she would like to see things move along even more quickly. She wants to encourage drug companies to immediately develop IV forms of the drugs "to verify if this target is worth pursuing, and then get an oral drug a little further down the road... I want to get something as soon as possible—that will limit trials and access, but at least that will get something. But, that is my personal bias."

THE FUTURE OF DESIGNER DRUGS: EXCITEMENT AND CAUTION

Companies can go one of two ways in their research endeavors: they can create molecules from scratch—as SmithKline and Merck have done with their as yet unnamed protease inhibitors, or they can rummage through literally thousands of previously patented compounds and re-evaluate earlier research to see if they have any pre-existing drugs that can be modified—as Upjohn has done with U-75875.

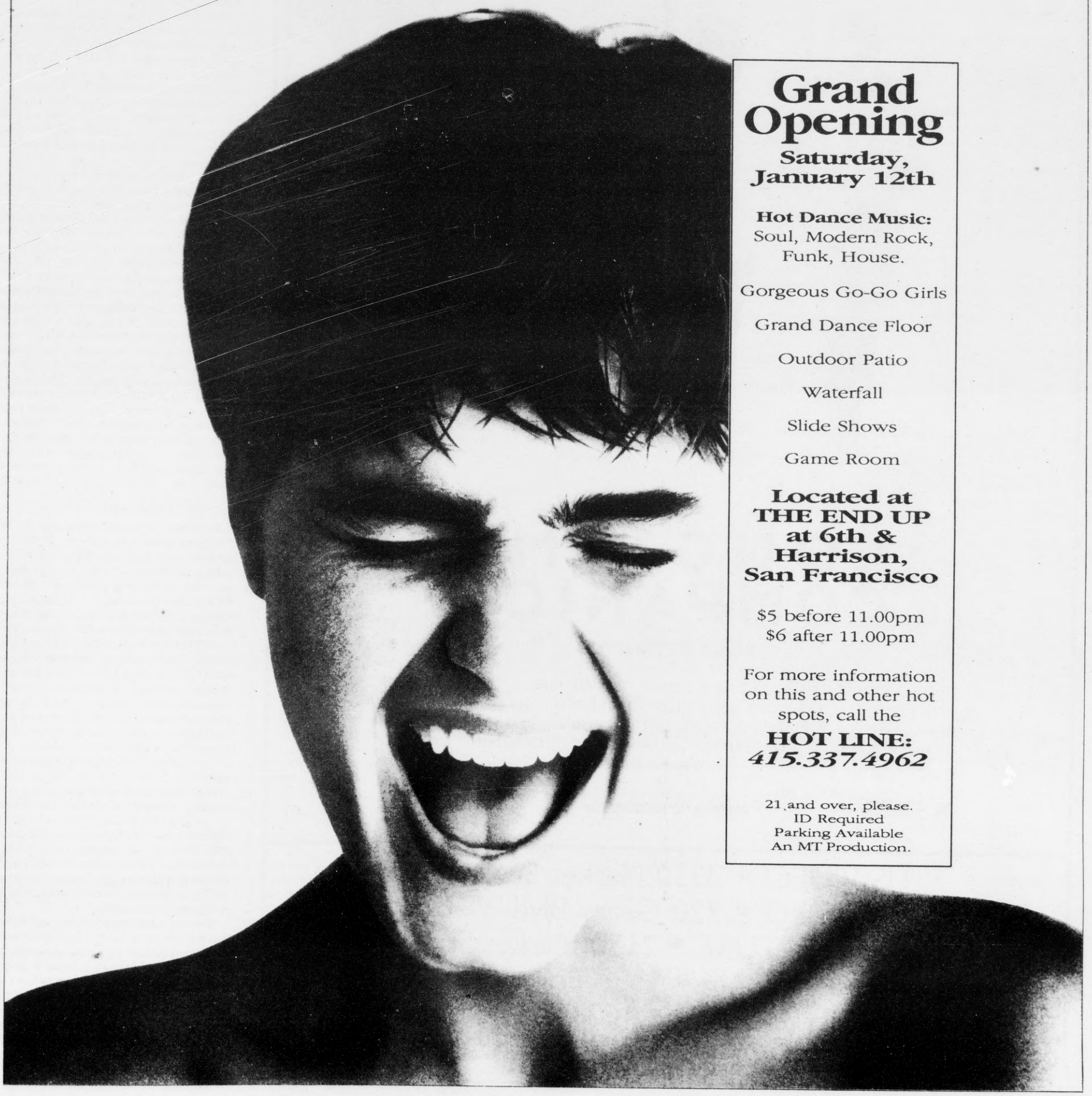
"It is very accurate to say that people are really excited," says Jeff Newton, communications manager of Abbot Laboratories.

While scientists and activists alike are very excited by the recent developments, they say it is crucial to note that *all* the action is currently oc-

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curring at pre-clinical or very early phase one clinical trial levels. "Here is a key point the community needs to understand," warns Martin Delaney, director of Project Inform: "There is a huge gap between having a compound and having a drug... We need to be cautious in interpreting in-vitro studies."

Many drugs that looked promising in the laboratory have gone nowhere. Delaney points out that CD4 blockers were last year's big second-generation AIDS-treatment hope, but in human trials he says they have fallen "flat on their face." A few years earlier there was Dextran Sulfate, another drug very effective in the lab but essentially useless in-vivo.

Researcher after researcher pointed out that, at best, only about 20 percent of all drugs that make it to human trials go any further in the drug development process. In clinical trials, questions of bioavailability arise; e.g., does it get into the body tissues long enough and in sufficient concentrations to have any effect, before being flushed out of the body? Then, too, there are the unforeseen toxicities that may result from unexpected chemical and pharmacological interactions in the body.

Fahey warns, however, that even if the compounds make it out of phase one toxicity studies and into efficacy trials, there is a long way to go before firm conclusions on the efficacy of the drugs can be drawn. He says, "From the filing of the IND, knowing that information can take up to two years, even for a very promising compound. That two years is an agonizing wait."

If any of the new drugs survive those hurdles, Delaney says, they could have a "knock-on impact," because the new therapies will be used in combination with those currently in use. "None are as good as we want, but if we can combine multiple modes of action the payoff will be better," explains Delaney. He says, "No one should expect a drug all by itself to do what it theoretically does in a simple chemical way. There are far too many other variables going on in a living human body. But if we hack at it from numerous directions, safely, in ways that do not hurt the body, then I think some real progress is going to be made."

ACTIVIST REACTION

In a somewhat unusual turnaround, the reaction from activists contacted by the *SF Bay Times* has been distinctly mixed. Delaney says of the protease inhibitors, "We are still just chipping away at it; nonetheless, it is welcome progress. We will take what we can get." In some ways the activists are sounding more cautious than the researchers involved in the new classes of drugs.

ACT UP New York and ACT UP Golden Gate are only just beginning to take note of the new classes of drugs. ACT UP New York's treatment and data committee recently set up a protease inhibitor committee to monitor the compound's progress and keep in touch with the manufacturers. Slutsky notes, however, that, "before a drug reaches the clinical stage it is a black box; there is very little an activist can do to make it go more swiftly."

There may also be an element of once bitten, twice shy among AIDS activists too. "No matter how good a drug looks in-vitro or in animals, until it is tested in humans you have no idea how good it will be," says Slutsky. The original projections about the first generation of TIBO said that it was a thousand times more effective than AZT in the test-tube, asserts Slutsky, "but then in the body it did nothing."

However, Curtis Ponzi, a Project Inform board member, argues that activists need to focus on these drugs because both researchers and those with an inside track on developments in the pharmaceutical industry indicate the compounds seem very promising, despite their early stage of development. Ponzi argues that the development of protease and non-nucleoside RT inhibitors "without substantial toxicity means that infected individuals may have alternatives to nucleoside analogs. In short... this may mean that HIV is a chronic manageable condition."

Peru's Homosexual Movement Continues to Struggle

Gay Men Become Political Targets for Assassination

BY LUCIEN CHAUVIN

Although the Homosexual Movement of Lima (MHOL) has made great strides promoting and defending the rights of lesbians and gays, violence and rejection continue to threaten Peru's homosexual community.

"As an expression of the generalized social violence, for example, in the last 10 months 60 transvestites have been assassinated. These assassinations are the most brutal example of the violence encountered by lesbians and gays," says Rebeca Sevilla, MHOL's executive director. "The homosexualization of AIDS has added to the homophobia that already existed in the most extremist sectors of Peruvian society," she adds.

In June of this year, for example, the police raided "El Dique," a restaurant in one of Lima's poor barrios. A group of gay men had gathered at the restaurant for a party and to elect "Miss Gay San Martin de Porres." A number of Lima dailies carried news of the raid, offering various justifications for the action. Not one newspaper, however, faulted the police for violating the constitutionally guaranteed right to assemble.

In addition to the repression and prejudice found throughout all levels of Peruvian society, lesbians and gays are also the targets of one of Peru's revolutionary movements. The Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) has openly stated its policy to kill homosexuals, who, according to the group's leader, Victor Polay, represent a danger to society.

In early May 1990, members of MRTA entered Tarapoto, in the jungle department of San Martin, and advised residents that they would soon begin a process of "moralization." This moralization was aimed at ridding the city of all homosexuals, prostitutes, thieves and drug users. The group followed up on its threat at the end of May, re-entering the city and massacreing seven gay men.

In July, MRTA carried out a similar campaign in Pucallpa, in the department of Ucayali. Two gay men were assassinated in the attack.

Nevertheless, the violence directed against homosexuals has prompted little response from Peru's human rights groups. Taking the lead from Amnesty International, many of Peru's human rights groups claim violation based solely on one's sexual preference does not fall under the rubric of existing international human rights conventions and declarations.

"For human rights groups, aggressions directed against homosexuals are not considered violations of human rights," stated the coordinator of MHOL's legal defense office.

"If Peru's human rights groups considered aggressions against homosexuals violations of human rights, they would denounce massacres such as the one which occurred in Tarapoto. These groups, however, have remained silent," added MHOL's lawyer.

Adding to the repressive climate that Peru's homosexuals confront, is an ever worsening economic and political crisis. On Aug. 8, President Alberto Fujimori announced an economic adjustment plan that quadrupled the price of basic foods and raised fuel prices some 30 times. The following day, "Black Thursday," most Peruvians wondered what had happened to the populist rhetoric that earned Fujimori 56 percent of the vote. For many of Peru's 12 million poor, the "Fujishock" may literally be the final blow—causing thousands to die of hunger and, at the same time, strengthening Peru's revolutionary groups, MRTA and the Maoist Shining Path.

Both the immediate and long-term consequences of the economic crisis have serious implications for Peru's lesbians and gays as well as for MHOL.



Illustration by Andrea Kassof

For example, Eduardo, a 19-year-old gay man, was left homeless after the price of the room he shared with five other people went from $5 a month to $5 a week. He is not working, and the odds of his finding a job are slim. His case is the norm.

According to Anita, one of MHOL's staff members, her monthly salary of $40 does not go far. "I am an immigrant from the sierra. People in Lima are better equipped to confront the current crisis because they have a certain stability. A simple room in a boarding house now costs $20 a month; that's half my salary." she stated.

According to Sevilla, MHOL is currently operating on a monthly budget of $5,000. This amount is used to pay the group's 30 employees and cover operating costs. With an annual inflation rate estimated at 10,000 percent, MHOL is faced with tough choices.

"The impact of MHOL's work has increased roughly 10 times in the last 3 years. Operating funds, however, have remained at 1986 levels," stated Sevilla.

"What's worse, we have to use what funds we have to fill in huge gaps left by the government's ineffective Ministry of Health. The government is not concerned with the most marginalized sectors of society," she added.

An AIDS hotline, Sidayuda, the most established service of its kind south of Mexico, is confronted by several problems, including telephone rates that have increased some 6,000 percent since January.

In the weeks following the announcement of the economic measures, calls received by Sidayuda's volunteers dropped from an average of 30 a week to five. "As a result of the economic and social crisis, people have lost perspective on their health, and, in general, their lives. When people don't have anything to eat, worrying about the possibility of getting the AIDS virus loses meaning" stated Kique Bossio, MHOL's secretary.

In recent months the situation for those who are HIV positive or who have AIDS has gone from bad to worse. Because of high prices and low supplies, medicines are not frequently used to treat those patients lucky enough to receive medical attention from Peru's battered healthcare system.

In the past, a controlled, high protein diet was the best way of avoiding tuberculosis and other highly infectious diseases common in Peru and easily caught when the immune system is weakened. With a monthly salary of less than $40 it is now virtually impossible to achieve even this basic survival tactic.

A street-oriented program, "Pass the Word," is also threatened. The price of paper needed to make the roughly 18,000 pamphlets that the program's promoters hand out has increased nearly 500 percent. Each month volunteers from Pass the Word hand out some 24,000 condoms. This distribution, however, could be jeopardized because both price and demand have increased far beyond projections.

"When we first began, the program was rejected by the people we were trying to reach. These same people are now unhappy with one condom; they want four or five. Transvestites and male prostitutes want up to 20 condoms 'because they work,' " said Cesar Alcozar, one of the program's coordinators.

In spite of the difficulties presented by both economic and social violence, MHOL's Sevilla is confident that the group will continue to move ahead. "MHOL offers a space where people can meet, where they can find creative and collective support to confront their daily problems. There is an atmosphere of solidarity that stresses the positive as a defense against all the pain and anger in Peru today," said Sevilla.

—filed from Peru

Who's On Top...

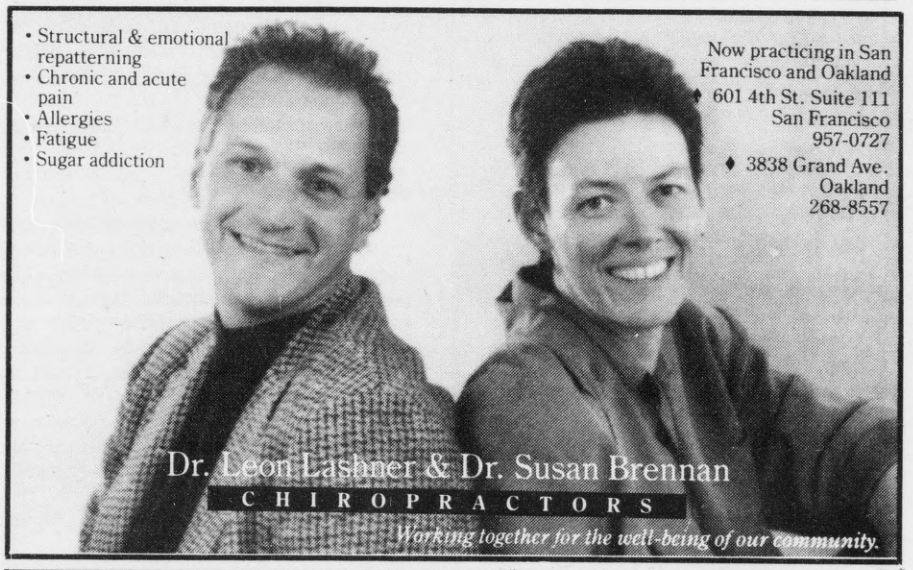
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community. Often women will cry when they find that other women view them very differently than they define themselves.

"If we look at our history," says Nestle, "we see many different aspects to that history." Nestle, who includes much memorabilia on butch-femme in the Lesbian Herstory Archives, explains that her definition of why the Archives were essential is the same as her definition of why discussion of lesbian sexuality in all its permutations is essential.

"We need more writing about this, more discussion, more voices of women telling their stories. That's why I'm doing this book. That's why I do symposia. That's why I do the Archives. I want to end historical silence and historical mutilation of lesbians. We are all at the mercy of history and historians who are heterosexual. And when gay histories are written, lesbians are left out of those. So I wanted to remember women. My first lover, Carol Lippman, died at the age of 23. I refused to let her be forgotten. I refuse to let any of these women be forgotten. And our sexuality shouldn't be forgotten. It's part of who we are—whatever that sexuality entails."

The debate isn't over, even if Susie Bright thinks it is won. There are many voices that still keep her books and Nestle's books and the writings of many other women out of bookstores and feminist periodicals because this issue is such a loaded one and stimulates such anger and pain for so many women. But the bottom (no pun intended) line remains: Who has the final say in how individual lesbians approach their sexuality? The only answer the lesbian community as a whole can offer with any sense of moral or political rightness is the individual lesbian. And if that means choosing butch-femme or choosing my sister-myself, so be it. The *real* catering to the patriarchy seems to be in demanding that there only be one way to express a woman's sexuality. After all, isn't that what men have told women for years?



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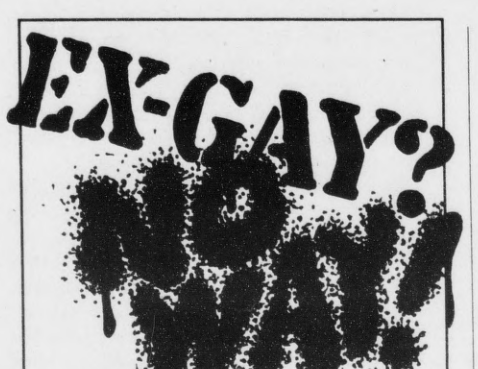
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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

1991: Treatments to Watch

Two years ago we published a list of treatments we believed would be most important in 1989 (AIDS Treatment News, *SF Bay Times*, February 1988). Here is our list for this year. We based our selection primarily on the chance that a treatment could have a practical impact or show major progress in 1991.

Despite the pessimism of most of 1990, we find more grounds for hope now than in a long time. First, there might now be changes in the FDA-approval process to enable vitally important AIDS drugs to be developed rapidly, which has not been possible before. (AZT was developed rapidly, but in several ways it was a special case which could not be copied by others.) Also, good candidate drugs are coming out of laboratories faster today than ever before. And some potential treatments which have been in process (or in limbo) for years may be ready to advance toward usefulness in the foreseeable future.

There is more interest today than ever before in changing the policies and procedures that made the sacrifice of part of a generation inevitable. But major problems remain. Some of the worst delays in treatment development—especially in the often-secret pre-clinical phase, and sometimes in the U.S. Patent Office—have barely been touched by policy change or advocacy. Research funding is becoming more critical, as money is taken away from research to pay for AZT or other patient care. Congressional advocacy for treatment access has barely begun. To avoid major unnecessary delays and obstacles, community intelligence, communication, coalition and pressure must continue.

Here are the treatments we are following most closely for 1991:

ddC AND ddI APPROVALS

Although there is no conclusive proof yet, there are strong reasons to believe that either or both of these drugs would be important in medical practice—that physicians could save many more lives with these drugs in addition to AZT, than with AZT alone. For both drugs, the toxicities and the precautions required are well known. ddI, for example, has already been given to 15,000 people for HIV treatment, through the expanded access program. ddC has not been given to as many people, but it has been in human trials longer than ddI, and it is probably the safer of the two, as it does not cause pancreatitis, the most serious toxicity of ddI.

Both drugs are now available to some patients under expanded-access programs. But it is essential that they become available as prescription drugs, for several reasons: (1) The expanded-access programs do not allow combination with AZT— probably the best way to use ddC, and perhaps ddI also. (2) Many patients who should have access do not meet the criteria for these programs, criteria which could not possibly have been designed to take the full facts of each individual case into account. (3) While the drugs are now "free," the laboratory tests required—and the physician time required to fill out forms—are not. These costs, seldom covered by insurance, create greater economic barriers and inequality than paying for the drugs would cause.

ddC (although not ddI) is well suited to underground use; in fact a ddC underground has existed sporadically for about two years. But regular prescription access would be far better, offering more reliable quality control, regulatory oversight, private and public insurance coverage, and better opportunities for data collection to improve future therapy.

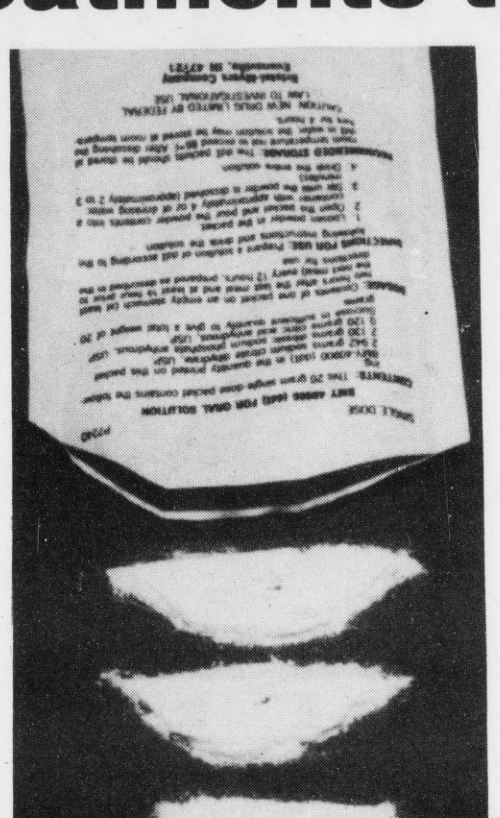


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ddI

ddC may also be ideal for Third World use, as it costs only pennies a day to manufacture; it has been sold for years, for laboratory use, by chemical-supply companies. Also, management of ddC toxicity requires training of the health-care provider and of the patient, but (unlike with AZT or ddI) it does not require blood tests or other Western medical technology, which is economically inaccessible to much of the world's population. ddC could become the first scientifically tested treatment available to much of the world, forcing a re-examination of the almost universal policy of writing off those already infected and leaving them to die. While U.S. approval would not be legally required for use of the drug elsewhere, it would provide essential credibility and avoid the suspicion that would be aroused by any U.S.-based effort to provide to others a drug not approved for domestic use.

Why is there any issue about whether these drugs will be approved? The problem is that despite the weight of information suggesting that the drugs do work, there is no single stack of paper which makes a flawless academic case for efficacy. Each study is either small, and/or unfinished, and/or has no control group for exact comparisons, and/or looked at T-helper counts or other markers, instead of death or major disease progression. And the many patients—probably many thousands—who have improved on the expanded-access programs are dismissed because they are not part of a controlled trial. To get perfect data to prove these drugs could take another two years. That is why there is the growing demand that the existing data be analyzed now and that the drugs be approved if they show "substantial evidence" of efficacy.

NEW ANTIBIOTICS FOR OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS

Important new treatments for opportunistic infections should be approved in the U.S. or other-wise become more available in 1991. Azithromycin, for example, might be an important advance for toxoplasmosis, MAC (also called MAI), and possibly cryptosporidiosis. Azithromycin has been an approved drug in Yugoslavia for about two years; it is also approved in some other countries in Eastern Europe. In the U.S. the NDA (New Drug Application, or permission to market the product as a prescription drug) was applied for in 1990; with luck azithromycin could be available by prescription in the U.S. in 1991. The labeling will probably recommend it for other purposes than the infections usually associated with AIDS—simply because those trials were conducted first—so insurance reimbursement may be difficult.

Recently the U.S. sponsor of azithromycin, Pfizer Inc., began a compassionate-use program for persons with toxoplasmic brain infections who have failed conventional therapies or are known to be intolerant to the drugs. Physicians can call Michael DeBruin, M.D. at (203) 441-5701 for information about enrolling their patients. Unfortunately, azithromycin has not been available in the U.S. through buyers' clubs or otherwise from abroad; at least one physician, however, was able to obtain some for a patient through contacts in Eastern Europe.

Clarithromycin, a drug closely related to azithromycin, is approved in Ireland and some other European countries; its U.S. NDA was applied for in 1990, again for conditions not usually related to AIDS. This drug shows considerable promise for MAC.

It is possible to obtain clarithromycin in the U.S. We have heard two reports so far summarizing the resulting early experience with MAC. One was that clarithromycin was highly successful; the other account also reported success, but was cautious because of the small number of patients so far. In New York the PWA Health Group has circulated a survey to physicians asking for results of using clarithromycin for MAC, after four months of treatment. But clarithromycin has only been available there for about two months so far, so none of the forms have yet been returned.

Liposomal gentamicin (TLC G-65), another antibiotic, is now in trials for treating MAC. Liposomes are microscopic structures of fats; they are used to improve the delivery of certain drugs to where they are needed in the body, increasing effectiveness and reducing toxicity. TLC G-65 delivers gentamicin inside of macrophages, where MAC organisms would otherwise be protected against the antibiotic. Besides gentamicin, other liposomal drugs now being developed for AIDS-related conditions are amphotericin (a powerful antifungal, now in trials for treating cryptococcal meningitis), and daunorubicin (a chemotherapy agent being developed as a potential treatment for KS).

Besides new treatments, more is being learned about how best to use the conventional treatments already available. These studies are also important, since it is too early to know whether the new drugs (for toxoplasmosis, for example) will work better than existing ones. If the new drugs are successful, the ones already in use will probably still be best for some situations.

HYPERICIN

Hypericin is an antiviral found in low concentrations in St. John's wort, a plant which has long been used in herbal medicine. Clinical trials, which have been about to start since last summer, will tell for sure whether hypericin is useful for treating HIV. But what we know today suggests that this antiviral is likely to be valuable and

deserves high-priority attention:

In laboratory tests hypericin worked well against HIV. And in animals it worked much better than AZT in preventing death from other retroviruses. (It has been very difficult to infect animals with HIV, so animal retroviruses were used instead of HIV for this test.)

There is much human experience with oral use of hypericin, especially since St. John's wort extracts with standardized hypericin concentration are sold over the counter in Europe as an antidepressant. The concentration of hypericin in these extracts is very low, probably too low for effective anti-HIV use. But far larger doses of the pure chemical have been given to animals without harm.

In short, all the elements are in place to suggest that hypericin should prove to be useful. It works well in laboratory and animal tests. It has been used in humans, although in low doses (but animal studies suggest that, with the pure chemical instead of crude herbal extracts, the doses can be greatly increased). In addition, there are two other reasons why this potential treatment may be important:

The mechanism of action is completely different from that of AZT. If hypericin does work, it will provide physicians with a new class of anti-AIDS drug—not just another nucleoside analog such as ddC or ddI. New possibilities for combination and other therapy will be opened up.

Hypericin also has activity against some other viruses, including CMV and herpes simplex. A recent test found anti-CMV activity at a concentration of one microgram/ml—about the concentration at which a typical antibiotic is active against bacteria. Unfortunately, it would be difficult to achieve this blood level with the readily available St. John's wort preparations.

However, tests reported in a European patent application for use of hypericin as an antiviral found much greater activity against herpes simplex. Although acyclovir, a safe and effective standard treatment for herpes, is already available, new treatments are needed for acyclovir-resistant strains. The herbal extracts already available at buyers' clubs should be tested for this purpose.

Underground research with higher doses of hypericin (as a potential HIV or CMV treatment) would be possible, since chemical extraction of hypericin from the St. John's wort plant is relatively easy. We hope that the AIDS Clinical Trials Group trial planned to start soon at New York University will make underground research unnecessary.

The AIDS Clinical Drug Development Committee of the ACTG put hypericin in its highest priority category in May 1990. It is hoped that the first trial with pure hypericin (not the very-low-dose herbal extracts) can start early next year.

What is needed now is a first look at efficacy of hypericin, to test whether or not this drug may be a "home run" in the treatment of HIV. If so, far more resources would be made available than are now being applied to its development. If not, then we could afford to wait for the larger, and probably slower, trials which would be needed to determine whether it could make a more modest contribution.

COMPOUND Q

Reports we have received, not only from Project Inform, which is directly involved in the research, but also from individuals who have used Compound Q, are usually good. It is well known that there are serious risks in using this treatment; expert supervision is essential because occasionally there are severe side effects which could be fatal if not treated immediately. At this time, the physicians and researchers testing compound Q are still learning how to use it best. Large-scale "pivotal" trials—those designed to lead to drug approval—may need to wait until more of this preliminary research is finished.

PROTEASE INHIBITORS

This class of drugs has attracted intense interest (see article, this issue) among major pharmaceutical companies. Much of the work is secret, however; therefore it has been difficult to cover this area well.

Protease is an enzyme that is necessary for HIV to reproduce. When a new copy of the virus is being created by an infected cell, a single long string of amino acids (the components of protein) is produced. This single string must be cut in the right places to form the pieces which need to be assembled in a new virus. The protease, which is on one end of the original string, does this cutting. If the protease does not work, defective copies of the virus are formed, and they cannot reproduce.

HIV protease is only created by infected cells; it has no normal function in the body. Protease inhibitors are drugs used to temporarily or permanently disable this enzyme, without harming normal cells.

Different protease inhibitors are being developed by different companies. At least one is expected to enter Federally funded human trials (within the ACTG system) within the next few weeks.

TAT GENE INHIBITORS

"Tat" is a gene of HIV which regulates viral activity. Human trials of drugs to inhibit the tat gene may begin in early 1991.

NON-NUCLEOSIDE-ANALOG RT INHIBITORS

Reverse transcriptase (RT) is an enzyme necessary for reproduction of HIV; it is not used by human cells. Therefore, RT is a natural target for anti-HIV drugs.

AZT, ddC, and ddI are RT inhibitors. But they are also nucleoside analogs—meaning false building blocks of DNA. Because they can sometimes interfere with human DNA, drugs in this class tend to be toxic and cause side effects.

But other drugs, which are not nucleoside analogs, can also inhibit RT. Some of these may have effective anti-HIV activity without the toxicity of nucleoside analogs. A number of companies are developing such drugs; until recently, however, this work received little public attention.

One group of non-nucleoside RT inhibitors which has been well known is the TIBO derivatives (see article, this issue). An early human test in Europe of one of these drugs may have been disappointing; according to AmFAR's AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory, "no significant immunologic or virologic improvement was noted" in the 10-patient dose escalating trial.

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New DNCB Study Opens

A pilot study of the potentially immune-enhancing substance dinitrochlorobenzene (DNCB) is being co-sponsored by Project Inform and Children's Hospital in San Francisco. DNCB was once in wide use by the HIV "treatment underground," but the lack of a standard dose and application at the time produced mixed results. Because DNCB was unpatentable, the mainstream AIDS research establishment seldom pursued it seriously as an HIV treatment.

DNCB is in common use, however, as a diagnostic lab test applied topically to the skin, to assess delayed hypersensitivity in immune function; it has also been tried experimentally to treat alopecia, warts, and melanoma. Available as an industrial solvent, particularly in photographic development, DNCB has been reported to elicit an immunomodulatory activity from CD8 cells, and from Langerhans cells, which are considered a pivotal connection between the body's dermatological and immunological systems. When brushed onto a small area of the skin, DNCB gradually provokes a systemic immune reaction like that caused by poison oak or poison ivy, apparently inducing Langerhans cells to step up their capacity for signaling the proliferation of T-cells.

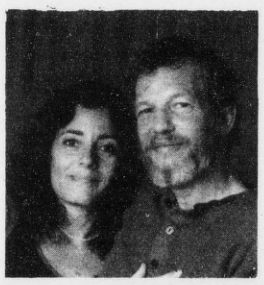
This study of DNCB is innovative for its plans to observe any correlation between skin and blood markers; it is designed only to monitor people who have already chosen to use DNCB (with or without AZT). It will be supervised by an HIV-knowledgeable physician on staff at Children's Hospital, Rafael Stricker, M.D. The protocol for the study was written by Dr. Stricker and Joseph Brewer of Project Inform. For information about participating, interested persons can call (415) 552-7464.

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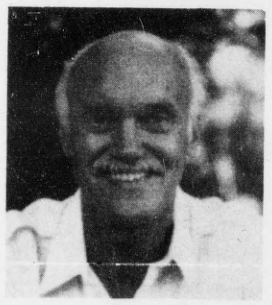
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Other TIBO derivatives may be tested.

Another kind of non-nucleoside RT inhibitor is BI-RG-587.

KAPOSI'S SARCOMA ANTI-ANGIOGENESIS TREATMENTS

The much-rumored new KS treatment in Japan, mentioned by Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute is believed to be a drug that prevents abnormal angiogenesis (growth of blood vessels). Apparently this drug is difficult to produce, and U.S. researchers have not been able to obtain enough for human tests. Therefore they are looking for substitutes; one possible substitute, pentosan polysulfate, is now being tested at the National Institutes of Health. We have heard mixed reports about pentosan.

Angiogenesis treatments are also likely to be important for cancer, as solid tumors must cause blood-vessel growth in order to obtain nourishment and grow beyond a small size. (In KS, the abnormal blood-vessel growth itself is the main problem.) Since new blood vessels do not normally grow in adults, except in wound healing, drugs to stop this growth may be feasible for treatment use.

An important report on a new anti-angiogenesis compound appeared in the December 6 issue of *Nature*. In mice the compound inhibited solid-tumor growth with few side effects. This report does not mention KS or AIDS, however, so it may not receive the attention in the AIDS community that it deserves.

1989 PREDICTIONS

Two years ago we listed the following treatments as likely to be important in 1989: ddI; passive immunotherapy; hypericin; compound Q; Chinese anti-infection herbs; FLT (fluorodeoxythymidine); AzdU; d4T; and soluble CD4. Looking back after two years, it is striking how little has been accomplished for most of them, in view of the seriousness of the AIDS emergency. Most remain today as they were then: still promising, still untested. Several remain on our current list for next year.

A note about our two least successful predictions: We added soluble CD4 to the end of the list against our own judgment; it had so much mainstream support that we feared we had overlooked something. What we had overlooked was a $70 million investment, including millions of dollars in first-class basic research opportunities for scientists, which may have kept this drug alive long past its time. (New variations of CD4 are now being developed; some of them might improve useful in the future.)

Why were we unenthusiastic? What standards do we use to judge which drugs should go on the list?

First, we look for evidence of efficacy; does the drug work in humans? Is there any evidence that it does not work? Unfortunately, for most potential treatments, no good studies have been done, so there is no clear evidence concerning efficacy.

In the absence of efficacy information, we look for a well-supported scientific rationale, together with evidence of safety, or extensive human experience so that toxicities are well known. After that, we look at availability (including ease of manufacturing, and probable price range), ease of use, and ease of testing (to see if the drug works).

Soluble CD4 did have a good rationale and was quickly found to be safe. But it was difficult and expensive to manufacture and difficult to administer, so we did not pursue it. (Any reliable information that a drug works, of course, could quickly outweigh such drawbacks.)

FLT had been found more effective than AZT against HIV in the laboratory, and against the related SIV (simian immunodeficiency virus) in monkeys. The drug had been tested in humans 20 years ago as a cancer therapy, but abandoned. A Swedish company was trying to sell rights to a large pharmaceutical company.

A recent computer search found no published articles in the last ten years about this drug. We do not know if it just fell through the cracks, or if it was rejected for a reason. But because there is human experience with FLT, the drug would be easier to test as an HIV treatment than one never used in people before. For example, an early trial might test whether it raises T-helper counts within eight to 12 weeks.

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A new service at Davies Hospital in San Francisco will search a database of local clinical trials and prepare a printout with description and contact information for all trials for which a patient may qualify. Anyone with AIDS or HIV may use this service. At present, only trials in the San Francisco Bay Area are listed; however, the system could be customized by medical or research institutions elsewhere.

This service, called Trials Search, differs from other clinical-trial information systems now in use. For example, the government-sponsored AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service provides a free telephone number (800-TRIALS-A) which anyone can call to ask questions about clinical trials in their area. However, the 800-TRIALS-A system is not set up to accept a patient's medical profile and automatically match the trials against it. Another computerized trials system, running at San Francisco General Hospital, keeps a database of potential volunteers and searches that database when one of its trials needs subjects. But in this system, volunteers sign up and do not know when (or if) they will be contacted; the Trials Search system, by contrast, operates at the potential volunteer's initiative, and provides a list of possible trials immediately. We do not know of any other service which does this.

To use Trials Search, the patient fills out a one-page form, indicating past and present opportunistic infections (from a list of 20), past and present treatments (from a list of 18) and present laboratory-test values (nine are requested: T-helper count, white blood count, hematocrit, etc.; patients can obtain the values from their physician's office). This simplified medical history includes the most important information used in the inclusion and exclusion criteria for most clinical trials. Trials Search cannot, of course, tell for sure whether a patient will qualify for entry into a particular study; only the researchers running each trial can make that decision. But Trials Search can rule out the great majority of trials for which the person could not possibly qualify. (In the San Francisco area, about 80 clinical trials are currently running; Trials Search typically locates about ten to 15 of these, on the average, for each client.)

Trials Search is now open for persons with AIDS or HIV (in San Francisco or elsewhere) who want to find out about San Francisco area trials for which they may qualify. For more information, call Jay Seward, at the Institute for HIV Research and Treatment of Davies Medical Center, (415) 565-6368, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays except Wednesdays.

CROSSTALK

BY BO HUSTON

Making It To Prime Time

I've been monitoring the media for some time now, noticing the portrayal and perspective of gay people and of AIDS. Years ago I made a discovery about myself: that, no matter what, I am never satisfied. If some movie presents a gay male character who is an effeminate hairdresser, I'm angry because it's a stereotype. If a sitcom gives us a gay male character who is a macho football player, I'm angry because they're pandering to a false ideal of what men should be like, excluding men who depart from that role, and entirely missing the point. And where are the lesbians, anyway? And if a talk show is about AIDS, why is everyone on it straight? Or why is everyone on it gay? I'm annoyed when media call AIDS a gay disease, but infuriated when the gay experience with AIDS is discussed. They just can't seem to get it right. (See, I'm never satisfied.)

The real source of this frustration is that there are so few images of gay men and lesbians presented. The images that do appear, in whatever context, have to fill a lot of holes, answer a lot of questions. If there is to be only one commercial television hour-long drama per season with a gay character, I am anxious that that character represent *everything*!

Well, aside from the impossibility of the demand, it makes for bad drama. What we need, of course, is a stronger, more diverse, more frequent presence. Perhaps, then, a stereotype here or a bit of pandering there won't seem so painful.

Now this past month, we've been all over the television airwaves. Oprah Winfrey gave us Patrick Gill and Craig Dean, a gay couple from Washington, D.C. who have filed a lawsuit against the District to obtain a marriage license and get married. Dean says their relationship is as valid as any heterosexual "long-term, stable and committed" relationship. Oprah asks: "But why *marriage*?" (Frankly, this would be my question to anyone; but if straight people see it as a logical and necessary action to take for themselves, why is it so difficult to see it for gay people?)

These are very bright men. They are challenging the legal propriety of excluding same-sex couples from marriage, not the social or religious standards. Their legal premise is that marriage is an opportunity denied gay people; sounds like they have a case to me.

Well, I've heard most of what the guests had to say; I'm sold. As always, the attitudes of the host and audience are far more interesting to me than the message of the guests. Oprah's audience was stacked with supporters of Dean and Gill, but there was some vociferous dissent as well. Two teenage mall girls were perplexed and horrified by the entire notion. "I can't even think about this," one moaned into Oprah's ominous microphone. "I mean, it's not in the bible." Her friend said: "Like, I really love my best friend, who's, like a girl. But that doesn't mean I should start committing homosexual acts on her." Like, of course not.

And then followed all the usual arguments: It isn't natural, the government shouldn't condone it, what about our children, what about the bible? And the gay people on the panel and in the audience responded with the usual defensiveness.

Here's where my biggest resentment emerges about this familiar kind of TV talkshow fare. I will never understand why gay people are required to defend themselves against ignorance and misinformation (or stupidity and lies). When Black people are invited to discuss civil rights issues, are they asked to prove that they aren't really inferior to white people? Are Jews told to demonstrate that they aren't money-grubbers and the killers of Christ? Gay people are presented unfairly, because the most absurd, bigoted and bible-biased views held among us are taken seriously, validated.

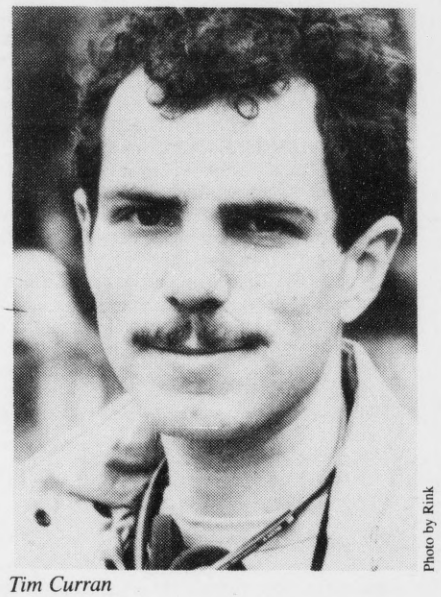


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Tim Curran

Oprah bugs me, anyway. She clearly has a good heart, and she seems generally tolerant of gay people and their concerns. But Oprah, with her shoulder shrugs and eyebrow raisings, perpetuates a notion which is the fundamental problem for gay people, and *lots* of other people as well: that there *is* Society, and then there *is* You. The Minority Myth. One of Oprah's tactics is that when some imbecile in the audience spews forth a thoughtless, inane comment—such as the woman who stated, "I believe they love each other, but I think it's just the sexual act that's got them in an uproar."—Oprah, rather than challenging the remark, throws up her hands and says: "Well, but that's what the majority of Americans believe..." I really wonder if it's true that most Americans believe that; but if it is, so what? The majority of Americans have been wrong before. I was under the impression I had rights regardless of others' beliefs.

The dynamic setup for controversies of this kind is that somewhere out in the television viewing audience are the real people, the normal ones, the mainstream, general population who, if appealed to properly, will come to tolerate, if not accept, the rest of us. So, when Oprah gives her little half-smile—as if to say, "Sure is a strange world, isn't it folks?"—we in the audience who do not find gay people or relationships strange at all, who in fact believe that we are as much a part of society as everyone else, are excluded from this cozy club. That's how media works.

On the affirmative side, though, there were as many intelligent, articulate audience members as there were morons. The debate came to be finally—as it usually does—about the right of gay people to exist, to interact with each other and the rest of America, and many people stood up to urge acceptance, understanding, openmindedness. One straight guy said he thought the people in the audience who were opposed to gay marriage were socially maladjusted, and he was right.

On San Francisco's own *People Are Talking*, Ann and Ross had a panel including Tim Curran who got dismissed as a Scoutmaster from the Boy Scouts because he is gay; Peter Luka, disenrolled from the Navy ROTC because he is gay; Orlando Gotay, kicked out of the Navy because he is gay; and Paul Di Donato, legal director of National Gay Rights Advocates. Now, as our opposition—when you present gay people you must always have the "other side"—did they invite representatives of the Boy Scouts, the ROTC or the Navy? Maybe they did, but who they ended up with was Paul Cameron, chairman of the Family Research Institute, a shrink discredited by the American Psychiatric Association, a man who is too much of a joke to even be an insult. Again, gay people who are addressing specific civil rights issues in relation to specific organizations are called upon to defend themselves against the absurd ravings of a deeply disturbed and pathologically homophobic Ph.D.

Cameron: "It has been shown, down through history, that homosexuals are conspiratorial. In a very loose sense, each of these gentlemen is married to each other, and that results in a kind of divided loyalty."

Ann: "So, you're saying they can't be trusted."

Cameron: "Well, they can be predicted to do things that aren't quite what you'd hope. For instance, even the Kinsey Institute survey shows that about 25 percent of people who claim to be gay or homosexual receive dishonorable discharges [from the military], versus about 4 percent of men in general."

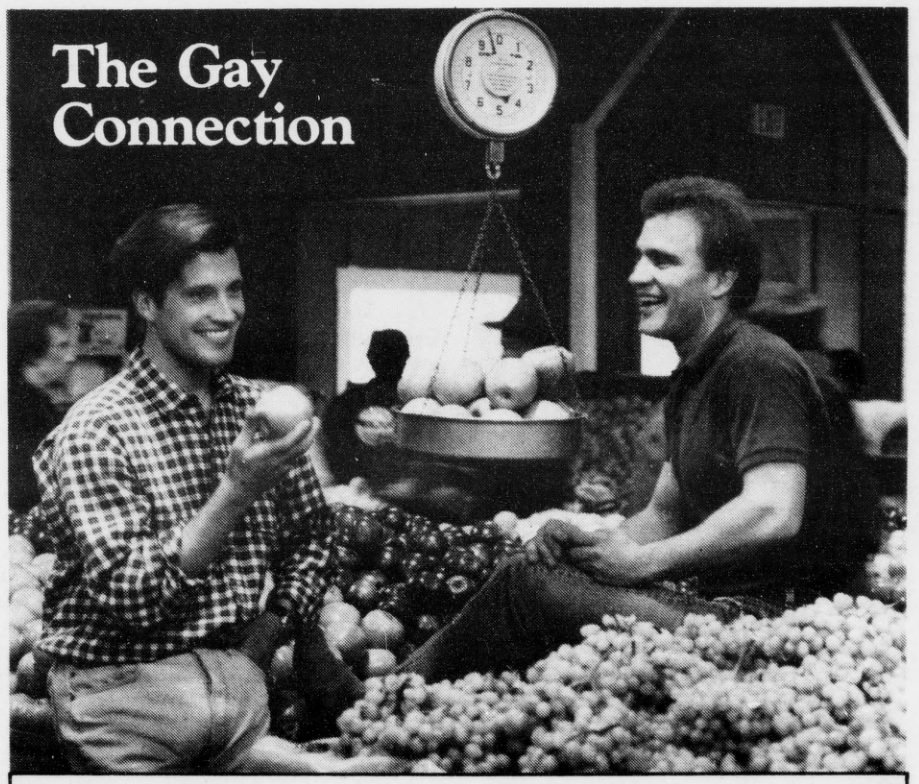
Because the military *kicks out* gay people. That's like saying women have a psychological need to earn less money than men... The hour was full of equally ridiculous statements from Cameron and the articulate, if baffled, responses from the others on the panel. This audience was terrific; the gay people and their supporters were not pat or trivial, and, indeed, many from the "opposition" seemed thoughtful and decent. One woman expressed concerns about the influence of adult gay male role models on young boys, but she didn't seem hateful and allowed the panel members to educate, to dispel some myths, rather than just defend themselves. She was a Scout leader once herself and felt confused because youngsters are taught to view Scout leaders as "admirable people." Tim Curran responded: "What do you want me to say? I am an admirable person." Though the producer of the segment deserves some criticism for including Cameron, Ann and Ross were exemplary, challenging the biased and thoughtless but allowing people to voice their opinions.

Connie Chung's usually vapid series tackled the ramifications of testing convicted rapists for HIV. Chung interviewed women who had been raped and detailed their frustration and fury at being denied crucial information. Tom Stoddard of Lambda Legal Defense was also interviewed. The show was too cursory; it didn't begin to really tackle the varied and provocative aspects of this particular issue. The current legalities as well as the legal precedents of HIV testing were not explored, nor was, most significantly, the depth of the effect of rape on a victim. So, I don't know if Connie is homophobic or not; she simply has a superficial, sensationalized approach to any material.

And then there was *Life Stories*, an early episode of the series about a TV news anchor who has AIDS, which NBC pulled and then decided to air. Here's an example of good politics, bad drama. Every character was somehow a representation more than a real character. The hard-hearted male boss, the compassionate female news director, the unkind and ignorant father, the handsome lover. The main character, in fact, was the most wooden of all.

Phil Donahue (who is ponderous and patronizing; we don't know what his opinion is) gave us a group of extremely articulate lesbians who have gotten married, along with Becky Butler, the editor of the book *Ceremonies of the Heart: Celebrating Lesbian Unions*. *Thirtysomething* had those gay guys on again, although it seems like we'll all be sixty-something before we see them actually kiss. There were gay men on *The Simpsons* and *Married With Children*. Joan Rivers interviewed a transsexual, purely for laughs, and a little boy who, through no fault of his own, contracted AIDS. Tracy Ullman's recurring skit about two gay men raising a teenage girl is absolutely the best.

Each of these television programs—and others, and some films, and the Madonna controversy, I suppose—deserves analysis and scrutiny. For the first time, I don't have room to write about all the representations and images of gay people that have appeared in the media in the last month. I guess that's saying something. But, they just can't seem to get it *right*.



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Conversely, Mama Bears in Oakland has consistently refused to make that space smoke-free. And the Women's Building in San Francisco has had their elevator out of order for the better part of 1990. (No doubt Women's Building personnel will say they haven't been able to afford to repair the elevator; but when organizations have called to schedule events there for spaces beyond the first floor, they have not even been told that the elevator doesn't work.) Because so many wimmin's events happen at Mama Bears and the Women's Building (as opposed to other potentially more accessible places), the contempt these organizations show through their poor access policies actually shrinks the already minuscule accessible lesbian world.

The *SF Bay Times* article closed with Dr. Alan Levin's assertion that "the incidence of affected people isn't that high." Dr. Levin, like other Bay Area clinical ecologists, does not accept MediCal or Medicare. The number of EI patients he sees says more about their ability to pay hundreds of dollars for diagnosis and treatment than the prevalence of EI in the general population.

People with environmental illness represent a spectrum, with affected individuals ranging widely in our degree of disablement. We are like the canaries placed in mine shafts to see if the air would kill the miners. Most of the chemicals we react to are not benign to others—we are just getting sick sooner. I consider it enormously significant that members of ACT UP and PISD joined us for the demonstration against the Sandoz-sponsored disinformation workshop on multiple chemical sensitivities. AIDS activists have dramtically changed treatment protocols, disease-related education, and inclusion of disabled people within our community. These issues are not AIDS specific—indeed, if compassionate and respectful treatment of disabled people and protection of all citizens' health were to become a higher priority than profits, the changes would rock not only healthcare delivery but all of capitalist patriarchy.

I hope *SF Bay Times* will continue to report on environmental illness and other immune system diseases that affect mostly wimmin (lupus, arthritis, multile sclerosis, cancer, and chronic fatigue syndrome to name a few) much as you provide ongoing news about AIDS.

For an activist, anarchist, and accessible Queer Nation.

Barbara Ruth
Oakland

Two Sides to Every Story

I want to congratulate the SF Gay/Lesbian Zionist Alliance for their truthful and enlightening letter regarding the PLO and their intentions over Israel ("PLO Terrorists," Letters, *SF Bay Times*, December 1990). Our community seems to have gotten caught up in condemning Israel over the Palestinian problem without showing two sides to this intricate issue. I have never felt comfortable with the idea of the PLO representing the Palestinian voice, nor have I felt comfortable with jumping on the bandwagon in condemning Israel without substantial arguments coming from the PLO contingent.

I support and congratulate the SF Gay/Lesbian Zionist Alliance for their courageous, articulate, and historically accurate letter. It is about time gays and lesbians understand the reality of the Israeli struggle. Israel is a beautiful country and should not have to suffer such continuous condemnation from our community.

Stephanie Johansen
San Francisco

Sonja de Vries Replies...

I am responding to the editorial written by the SF Gay and Lesbian Zionist Alliance. In their letter they argue that I stereotype Zionists and Israelis (which they seem to believe are interchangable identities) as European colonists. To clarify, what I wrote was that the early Zionists (in the '30s and '40s) were largely Europeans. Zionist ideology was based on the premise that Palestine, inhabited by Palestinians for thousands of years, was theirs for the taking. They enforced their ideology by violently forcing the Palestinians from their homeland. These are historical facts which clearly point to colonization. While it is true today that many Jewish people from Ethiopia, Yemen, Morocco and other countries, live in Israel, this is a more recent phenomenon and I hardly think that their lives are as harmonious as is described. There have been many reports of harassment and discrimination on an Institutional and individual level from Israelis of European descent toward those of Arab and African descent.

The PLO is a government in exile and as such maintains observor status at the United Nations. The PLO is made up of three main components: Palestine National Council, the Executive committee and the Judiciary. There are many books which document the structure of the PLO. One excellent example is Dr. Sami Mussalam's *The PLO*.

It is true that in its early stages the PLO used terrorist tactics. However, there have been no such incedents in recent years. Acts committed by individuals of Arab descent against the State of Israel or its citizens cannot be blamed on the PLO which has repeatedly denounced terrorism. For more recent examples of terrorism why not look at the State of Israel; killing and imprisonment of hundreds of men, women and children on the West Bank and Gaza for protesting the Israeli occupation, teargas, torture and beating of Palestinian people, all of which has been documented by human rights groups. From the first massacre of Palestinians in 1948 (Deir Yassin) to the more recent massacre at Sabra and Shatila refugee camp, Israel has repeatedly terrorized the Palestinian people. Assasinations of Palestinian diplomats, political and cultural leaders (Ghassan Kanafani, Kamal Jumblatt) is part of Israeli strategy. Israel indiscriminately used napalm and phosphorous bombs (made in the USA) against the people in Lebanon, killing over 40,000. Israel is guilty of some of the worst acts of terrorism in modern history. The PLO does not call for the expulsion of Jews as the Gay/Lesbian Zionist Alliance would have us believe. The demand is self-determination for Palestine and an end to Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. The PLO has accepted UN charters which recognize the right to secure borders of all regions.

The Jewish people have a long and painful history of persecution and genocide. Palestinians should not bear the brunt of this history. The destruction of the Palestinian Nation is no answer. Until there is recognition of the Palestinian right to this homeland there will no peace, for Palestinians or Israelis. The Zionist Alliance declares that Israel was "developed root and branch by Jews" and completely deny the fact that the Palestinians have lived and worked on that land for thousands of years. The colonial mentality is clear in such a statement, and sounds hauntingly like the early Zionists who declared Palestine to be "A land without people for a people without a land". This deliberate denial of an entire people's existence is not the answer.

The Zionist Alliance speaks of Arabs as one homogeneous mass, when in fact they are of many nationalities, cultures and religions. They arrogantly suggest that "The Arabs should educate their masses." The Palestinians happen to be one of the most educated populations in the region despite the fact that Israel methodically closes down Palestinian Universities, high schools and grade schools at will. The Zionist Alliance accuses "The Arabs" (who are they talking about???) of wanting an empire. I suggest they question Israel's 23 year occupation of the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza. It is clear that many Zionists are determined to expand Israel. It is also clear that within Israel there is opposition to the Israeli occupation and a desire to build links with the Palestinians. Nowhere in the Gay and Lesbian Zionist Alliance editorial is the issue of occupation or of the Palestinian homeland addressed. The bottom line is: There will be no peace until there is a Palestinian homeland.

Sonja de Vries
San Francisco

"A Good Country in a Bad Neighborhood"

Bravo to the SF Gay and Lesbian Zionist Alliance! I have been following the debate on Israel via Letters to the Editor for the past two years. As a feminist concerned with *human* liberation, I applaud the courage and stamina of the Israelis who have established the only democracy in the Middle East.

All too often, so-called "liberals" are quick to criticize Israel for policies in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. However, let critics of this tiny country (3.5 million Israelis; 150 million Arabs in the region) remember that *only* in Israel are women guaranteed full civil rights, gays and lesbians free to express their lifestyles, and where ethnic minorities share fully in the political process. The 22 Arab countries in the Middle East fail in as much as recognizing women and minorities as equals, let alone permitting basic personal freedoms taken for granted in the U.S.

I congratulate the SF Gay and Lesbian Zionist Alliance for their committed support of a country and people who have survived genocide, four vicious wars launched against them, and currently facing internal terror which no country would be expected to suffer in silence. As Israel struggles to live in peace, let us applaud this democracy as an example of what a good country can accomplish in a bad neighborhood; and let us applaud the SF Gay and Lesbian Zionist Alliance in their support of a nation that is all too often the world's scapegoat.

Lauren McGowan
San Diego

Thanks!

As the Program Manager for the San Francisco City Clinic AIDS Research Study, I would like to publicly thank all the restaurants who donated prizes for our research study participants. One thousand dollars in dinner gift certificates were raffled off at a forum on HIV Disease on December 5, 1990. Several of our study participants will be enjoying "dinners for two" at Campton Place, Chez Panisse, China Moon Cafe, Fourth St. Grill, The Galleon, Hayes St. Grill, Ivy's, Leticia's, Monsoon, Postrio, Square One, Zola's, and Zuni Cafe due to the generosity of these restaurants.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the study participants who have given of themselves time and time again towards research on Hepatitis B and HIV disease over the past 10 to 12 years through this research project.

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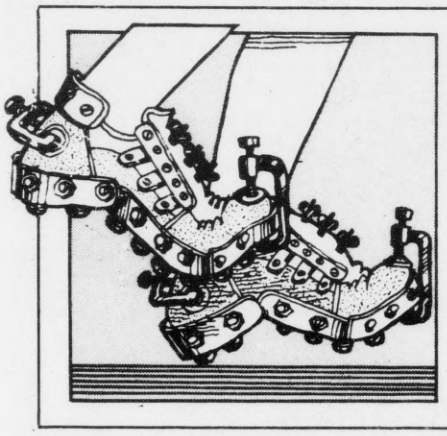
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On December tenth, some time after six in the evening, the bowl containing those donations, with some two to three hundred dollars in it, was stolen. There is little or no hope of ever recovering that money.

I would like to ask any of your readers who might be planning to make a donation to Project Open Hand during the holiday season to do so in Kevin Gage's name.

To those customers of Stacey's who put money or cheques into the bowl in our store I can only offer my thanks and my sincerest apologies regarding the loss of those funds.

Brad Craft
Manager, Stacey's Bookstore #54

Daddies of Any Gender

I was glad to see Joseph Bean's Leathersex column in December's *SF Bay Times*. It brought up some good points, and I look forward to hearing more from him in the future. One element of the Daddy/boy dynamic that Joseph neglected to mention is that Daddies can be of any gender. There is a large lesbian S/M community in San Francisco, and I look forward to Joseph's articles being more inclusive. Or, if not, then there being a well-written series of Leathersex articles by and oriented toward women and/or the pansexual leather/SM/fetish community. In the meantime, keep up the good work!

Lou Duff
San Francisco

Sign Me Up!

Thanks for the sample issue (Nov. '90) of *SF Bay Times*. I really liked the balance of articles (Lesbian & Gay) and the lack of sex ads (i.e.: phone sex ads, etc.) which dominates our local (Ohio) publications. Also, I found the articles very well written & informative.

Here is my check for one years' subscription. I plan to share with my friends.

Donna M. Stevens
Cincinnati, Ohio

AIDS Dance-a-Thon a Success

On behalf of Mobilization Against AIDS and the nine other benefiting agencies, we would like to express our deep appreciation to *SF Bay Times* for its generous contribution of advertising space to TAKING STEPS, the 4th Annual San Francisco AIDS Dance-a-Thon. We are extremely happy to report that TAKING STEPS was an unqualified success. The Dance-a-Thon continues to grow from year to year, both in number of participants and amount of money raised. This year was no exception. Six hundred caring people from throughout Northern California came together to raise over $125,000 with each raising an average of $210! We are overwhelmed by this kind of commitment to the fight against AIDS. Furthermore, the reports are unanimous that TAKING STEPS proved to be a fun and entertaining way to get involved, and in the process, raise critically needed funds. It is the response of caring organizations like *SF Bay Times* that allows these agencies to continue the diversity of services needed to care for the men, women, and children living with AIDS/HIV disease in the Bay Area.

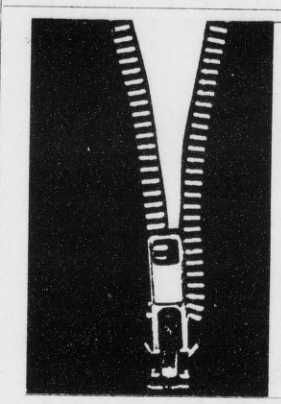
Once again, we thank you for all you've done to make TAKING STEPS, the 4th Annual San Francisco AIDS Dance-a-Thon a tremendous success. It is our sincere hope that the Dance-a-Thon is an event that you will continue to be involved with in the future.

Mark Fantone, Event Coordinator, TAKING STEPS
Paul Boneberg, Executive Director, Mobilization Against AIDS

Heterophobia?

I've just read a letter in your magazine from a Gene Catalano, "President, the Lavender Mafia". I could not believe this person's hatred and outright prejudice toward people different than himself. He talks about how much he hates babies, calling them "symbols-made-flesh of heterosexist arrogance". He refers to parents as "subhuman breeders" and "perverts". Mr. Catalano, are you nuts? I'm assuming you're a man by the references you have made in your letter. I don't mean to label you, but you appear to be extremely paranoid and afraid of heterosexuals. A heterophobe? Amazing. You say that these "subhuman breeders" are pushing their babies through "your" neighborhoods trying to somehow force their heterosexuality upon you? First off, your claiming of territory as homo is asinine—just as stupid as saying "this neighborhood is for straights only—homosexuals are not allowed". Your sexual orientation gives you no right to live anywhere, nor should it exclude you from going where you choose to. Do you think homosexuality gives you some sort of privileged status? Stop it. Secondly, if these "perverts" are really homophobes trying to subversively change your sexuality with their babies, do you really think they would want to bring their children into a world of homosexual influence? No—the real homophobes, for the most part, are isolated far from you because they're scared of you. And you fear them as well. I hate to see people surrounded only by their own kind and lose touch with the outside world. If you go into the country, you'll find that most everyone is homophobic, and that it continually breeds hatred of any outside practice. And here, we have a real ghetto where people have become equally dogmatic and unaccepting of other people. Fuck you and your prejudice—it hurts all of us who are fighting for our right to same-sex love. Your attack on heterosexuals only alienates people who don't understand us and that is damage that we must mend. We may be different in our sexuality, but we are no different as human beings, and I'm tired of hearing people like you create barriers and put yourselves up on pedestals. You had better take a good look at yourself and see why you are who you are. You don't know.

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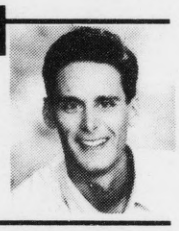
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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

Things to Come In '91

Astrologically speaking, 1991 is a rather dull year. Most of the developments in world politics will be continuations of recent and not-so-recent events. The most significant aspect of the year is an opposition between Saturn and Jupiter, indicating the peak of a 20-year economic cycle. We've had our ten years of growth. Now it's time to trim back for ten years. June and July will kick off some interesting power struggles forcing liberalization in some quarters, reactive repression in others. Plan your vacations for later in the year.

Art Agnos will be re-elected mayor after pissing off certain people (So what's new?) with some deals that will strengthen his position. (That's what's new.) His new friends will easily offset any trouble from his new enemies.

The American economy will fluctuate through the year, but by the end of 1991 it will be a major mess. The economy of California will, however, pick up a bit—at least relative to the general economic decline of the other 49 states.

Post-Thatcherite England will struggle toward some liberalization, but this year there will be only certain fluctuations in the British political equations. The Union with Europe will indeed force concessions to labor and set the road for great steps toward restoring a progressive social democracy, but not this year.

German unification will proceed at a dizzying pace, creating some problems for their economy. Poland is falling into greater conservatism, very tough on queers and non-catholics. Czechoslovakia will look toward Japan for a model of industrial reconstruction. Progressive labor policies will accelerate their progress. The Soviet Union will continue to deteriorate at an even faster pace. Next year will be so terrible that the Kremlin will have no choice but to grant autonomy to the republics— perhaps even outright independence.

In the here and now the most significant aspect of the month is Jupiter quincunx Uranus. Attentive readers may find this a bit familiar. Well, yes, thanks to the miracles of retrogradation, not only does shit happen, but it happens again, and again. All the more chance to get it right.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Domestic extravagance can lead to some interesting arguments. Roommate squabbles are usually more mundane, but some deeper questions of philosophy, religion or politics come to the head this time around. This can provide opportunities to challenge assumptions and obsolete training from your childhood. It can also open a whole new level of communications with your family. It will be more revelatory than pleasant—at least at first. Playing at—perhaps spoofing, perhaps seriously experimenting with—religious or spiritual ritual will provide insights. When arguments come up you may be right, you may be wrong, but these days you're more likely to be cranky and demanding. Make every effort to be openminded and honest.

TAURUS: You have a lot to say, and these days you're not particularly shy about saying it. Once you get started you're not easy to stop, so try to exercise a little caution before you start in. Your assertions these days tend to take on the quality of a you-know-what in a China Shop. Being right isn't always enough. It's also important to be gracious enough that the other person wants to hear what you're saying. When you call him a narrow-minded, idiotic pebblebrain with all the depth and tenacity of a well-used tissue you may be absolutely correct, but that's no way to convince your opponent of anything. When you engage your opponent you set yourself at her level, so when you catch yourself arguing with an idiot, remember that you're making yourself his equal. Agree to disagree and prove your mettle against a worthier adversary. As an alternative to verbal fisticuffs to prove yourself, the stars suggest talking dirty and getting very hot, very creative. Yes, the passionate use of four-letter words is definitely up for you. Choose your passions wisely.

GEMINI: You're in a generous, extravagant mood these days, and should be having the financial good luck to back it up. Nowadays, "Easy come, easy go" is as much a lifestyle as a cliche. You don't have to let it "Easy go," but a partner will provide some financial surprises for you. Keep a close eye on anyone who is handling your money! Some creative financing could work out very well, or to the other extreme. Trusting the other party can work out to the best, but the only thing that is now inevitable is surprise—probably, but not necessarily for the better. To avoid conflicts make sure you are actively responsible. At least that will help to prevent misunderstandings and rancor later on.

CANCER: You feel—and you are—mighty lucky these days. You may sense that you can get away with anything, and so isn't this a great time to make some changes at work. Could be, but think carefully about what you have in mind. If you're altering something that affects others' work you should consult them, ask their opinions, *respect* their opinions, and make any changes co-operatively. This is also an excellent time to get a checkup, make any appropriate adjustments or changes in your diet, exercise, or self-care regimen. Don't get too gung-ho about any exercises. You're not usually one to show off (Cancers born in the late '40s to mid-'50s excepted!), but temptation to display your physical prowess is a great way to invite a very rude surprise. Be especially careful of your knees.

LEO: Blessings come in disguise these days. On the surface things may seem pretty wretched, but with some introspective honesty you will see your problems as keys to opportunities. Your luck will improve soon. In the meantime, creative inspiration beckons in weird and wonderful ways. Trust your deepest instincts for artistic direction. In everything else they'll only get you in trouble. You may find in the long run that you're better off without that lover, that job, that car, that fancy apartment. On the other hand, if you want the important changes in your life to come more gently, channel your urges through meditation and private creative efforts.

VIRGO: This is a great time to party with friends, but be careful who you let in your home! There is bound to be some conflict between friends on the one hand and family or roommates on the other. More exactly, they will surprise you. Perhaps they'll be the greatest of friends and you should watch out for yourself. A good way to head off trouble is to review your childhood aspirations. You may find some parental programming that still has its effects—perhaps for the better. It needn't be all bad, but it's best to be conscious of all that stuff and that's not always easy. Talking it over with friends can be very helpful. Just don't introduce them to mother this month.

LIBRA: This is a wonderful year for your career, although it's time for some revision of your goals. Talking it over with friends or just writing it all down can be very revealing. It can be very helpful also, but that doesn't necessarily follow. Just to keep it safe, private papers are preferable to open office discussions, at least until you're sure of all the angles involved. It's easy right now to get overconfident and shoot off your great big (and usually more diplomatic) bazoo. Do we want to feel a little bit important perhaps? It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice.

SCORPIO: Buy a lottery ticket by January 3rd or on the 60th day after your birthday. The 13th and 14th are also lucky days for financial surprises. This is, in any event, a month for financial surprises, They may not all be lucky. Frevvinssake, don't gamble any more money than you can afford to throw away! Your compulsive tendencies can so easily get the better of you, so be very careful. This time is actually more safely spent in an explorative critique of your spiritual beliefs and values. Read a text or some articles on a religion or spiritual discipline that you don't know anything about. Your mind tends to metaphysics very nicely so that should make a fun project.

SAGITTARIUS: This month offers some fascinating adventures of the erotic variety, actually of considerable erotic variety. Ask your partner or a suitable insignificant other to indulge some novelty. Scan our advertisers and visit some of the more intriguing leather and fetish shops if you need any help formulating your ideas. At the very least talk out your fantasies and take a chance on having them

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THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

COMPILED BY MAXINE MORRIS

1 ■ TUESDAY

SF L/G Freedom Day Parade Auditions begin soon—call 864-FREE for details.

A Women's Housing Community: Want to make it a reality? A Bay Area group is forming now to build a cluster of private homes or units around a commons building. Upcoming two-day wkshop will address the group interaction in planning financing options & design issues with co-housing consultants. Feminists should call very soon—contact BJ 527-4582 or Sarah 665-0230 for more info.

Kaiser Med Ctr seeks caring people to work with their AIDS patients as part of their AIDS Volunteer Program. Volunteers perform a variety of tasks throughout the medical center, with differing levels of patient contact, providing companionship, emotional support, massage or practical assistance to hospitalized AIDS patients at both the Geary & French campuses. Some also serve as outpatient receptionists, or help in planning, administrative or clerical duties. Training provided. The next training program begins next month, call Dave Seibert, MSW at 929-4186 by 2/15.

An American Family: KQED presents the entire infamous twelve-hour documentary chronicling 7 months in the life of one family. The series became one of the most discussed, criticized & lauded programs of 1973. Filmmakers camped out in Bill & Pat Loud's Santa Barbara home for 7 months in 1971, recording the upper middle class family's ordinary moments & emotional highs & lows 17 hours a day, 7 days a week, allowing millions of Americans to become privy to Bill Loud's business problems, the dissolution of Pat & Bill's 20 year marriage, and the revelation that their oldest son is gay. Program aired 7 am-9 pm on channel 9 (rebroadcast one hour per week, Sundays at 5 pm, on KQEC Channel 32). Info: 864-2000.

Women's Aikido School of SF: Practice this beautiful martial art to heal self & society. Learn mind-body unification, self-defense skills, centering, grounding. Gain friends & community. Learn to use power without violence. Advanced & beginner classes. Info/reg: Jamie Zimron, Sensei, 285-2388. 670 South Van Ness Ave at 18th, SF. Classes on Sun, Tues, Wed & Thurs thru month.

UCGALA Scholarship Fundraiser reservations deadline—see 1/15 for details.

Women's Spirituality Group meets at 7:30 pm. For info call 457-1115.

New Year's Day Men's Hike to Mission Peak, with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Difficult 8 mile hike with 2,200 ft elevation gain to the top of Mission Peak. Bring water, lunch & snacks, and dress appropriately for the weather. Group departs at exactly 8:55 am from Church & Market St Safeway, SF. Hikers can be picked up at Fremont BART at 9:55 or can meet at the trailhead, at the end of Stanford Ave, Mission San Jose, at 10 am. Half the cars will shuttle to Sunol Regional Park and head west over Mission Peak and back to the trailhead. For info call 387-8453.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline needs volunteers. Training begins this month, see 1/11 listing for details.

Read Our Lips: the Burden of Taxes on California Families—register early for this forum, see 1/29 listing for details.

Complimentary Spinal Exam & Blood Pressure Check offered all day Tuesdays in January by Silverman Chiropractic. 1242 Market St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: Dr Robin Silverman, 252-0443 or De Gordon Yee, 751-2345.

I Never Told Anyone: wkshop/retreat for women child sexual abuse survivor welcomes Latina women & other women of color, see 1/9 listing for details.

Monterey Bay Whale Watching with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans—sign-up now for trip, see 1/26 listing for details.

New Year's Day Run with SF Frontrunners—meet 10 am for the Hangover Run over the Golden Gate Bridge & back (3.5 miles). Great way to start the New Year! Call Marie 921-3697 for more info.

2 ■ WEDNESDAY

Discovery Gay Men's Discussion Group meets today & 1/16 at 2:15 pm. Today's topic: "New Year's Resolutions—For the Birds?" 1/16 topic: "From Tai Chi to Aerobics". 333 Turk St, SF. 2nd floor. Facilitated by George Birimisa. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Feminist Films at Roxie Cinema: See *A Question of Silence* (8 pm) and *Born in Flames* (6:15 & 10 pm) tonight and tomorrow. 3117 16th St, SF. Info: 431-3611.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social, for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities and their friends (and all university-identified people). Meets 6:30-8:30 pm on the Berkeley campus, ASUC Bldg, Douglas Fir Room. Tonight & 1/9, 16, 23 & 30. Info: Mark 549-2238 or Betsy 845-7441.

Beginning Tarot Class with Susan Levitt. Learn to read Tarot cards. 7-10 pm, $35. At Le Salon, 138 East Blithdale, Mill Valley. Info: 457-2764.

Midlife Lesbian Support Group seeks women of color. Three-year-old leaderless group meets weekly in SF, Wednesday eves. No fee. Info: Leigh 285-8535.

SF Hiking Club Monthly Mtg & Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr on Collingwood nr 18th St, behind Cala Market (1 block from Castro St), SF. See hour-long video of the prize-winning film, *Yosemite, the Fate of Heaven*, produced & narrated by Robert Redford.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs 9 pm tonight & 1/16 on PCTV Cable Network (Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville, Piedmont, El Cerrito, Richmond, El Sobrante & Hercules). A look back at Outlook's past year, a look ahead to the future.

Women's Exploratorium Trip: free trip for GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) women thru the Exploratorium. Meet 11 am at the entrance, Palace of Fine Arts, SF. Spons by Operation Concern. Info: 626-7000.

"Understanding the Development of Self-Esteem," a talk by Susan Hales, PhD, social pyschologist with the Saybrook Institute. Noon-1 pm. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag lecture series. Noon-1 pm in Room 300, Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-4394.

Lesbian Support Group for Women Over 60—spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 12:30-2:30 pm today & 1/16. Info/location: Pat 626-7000. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders).

3 ■ THURSDAY

SF AIDS Alternative Healing Project: talk with practitioners & former participants in this comprehensive treatment program for healing body, mind & spirit. Incorporates acupuncture, Chinese herbs, bodywork, therapy, nutritional guidance & group support. Today & 1/9. Call Howard 861-4964 for details. Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr, 1748 Market St, SF.

Feminist Films at the Roxie—see 1/2 listing for details.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group for youth ages 14-21 meets tonight & 1/10, 17 & 24. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for new visitors; 7-9 pm group time. Info: 457-1115.

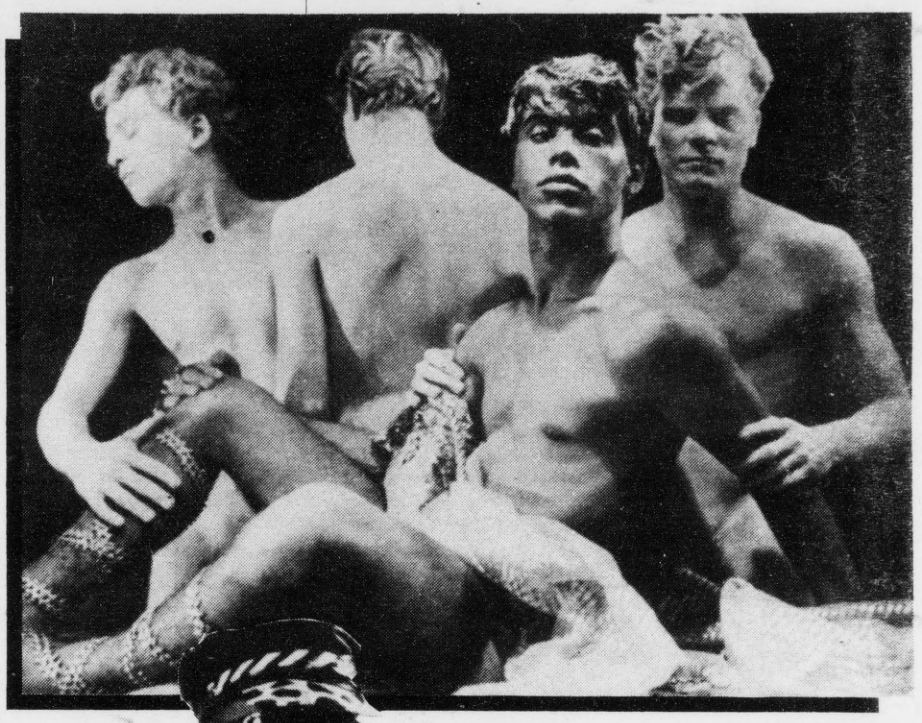
Aikido Morning Classes: solo & partnered movement/practice exploration. Tues & Thurs 7-8:30 am at James Howell Studio, 66 1/2 Sanchez St at 14th, SF. All welcome. 8-wk group starts this month. Info: Cress Forester 826-2135.

Lesbian Gathering at Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr. 7:30-9:30 pm. Tonight's topic: Sex, Money & Power in Relationships." Info: (408) 425-LGCC.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "These Are A Few of My Favorite Things," led by Lynn. Bring your trinkets & treasures, cherished pictures or sentimental junk to share. Info: Marilyn 969-1260. All women are welcome!

The Fabulous Lypsinka Show returns to Josie's Cabaret (following a wildly succesful, critically-acclaimed run last November)—John Epperson returns with her drag, lip-synching tour-de-force for 15 performances! A loving and funny homage to 1950s movie musicals. 8 pm, $10 (runs thru 1/10 at 8 pm, with additional shows at 6 pm on 1/5 & 6 and at 10 pm on 1/4. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. Don't miss!







The Fabulous Lypsinka (top) continues his run at Josie's Cabaret this month (see Jan 1). "Pink Narcissus" returns to the screen on Jan 30 as part of the "Best of the Lesbian/Gay Film Fest" revival. And Rhodessa Jones and Idris Ackamoor (left) play at Josie's. Jan 11 has info.

Betty Bethards, author, mystic & healer, lectures on "Understanding Death, Dying & the Grieving Process". 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 srs & stdnts. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: Inner Light Foundation: (707) 765-2200.

The Healing Circle meets every Thurs (tonight & 1/10, 17 & 24) at SF Dance Theatre, one block up from Market, at Zuni's Cafe. HC uses sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. A safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-love & self-healing. Info: Philip 826-5150.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs 6:30 pm Thurs in Mountain View (1/3, 10, 17, 24 & 31) on cable 30.

4 FRIDAY

Island, Paul Cox's film about women & their struggle with fate. Three women exiles—an Australian, a Sri Lankan & a Greek—meet on a Greek island and their lives become inextricably linked by their common desires & mutual fears of the outside world. Film explores a spectrum of emotions ranging from extreme passion to abject fear, from loneliness to wanton sexuality. Film screens at 6, 8 & 10 pm Mon-Fri and Sat & Sun at 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 pm thru 1/10 at Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. Info: 431-3611.

Reception for "Black Revolution (delayed)," a mixed media installation depicting a futuristic view of frustrations out of control. Features work by artists Kelvin Curry & Stephen Barnes. 7-10:30 pm, free (donations accepted). Spons by ATA (Artists Television Access). Info: 824-3890. 992 Valencia St, SF.

Lesbian & Gay Partner Dancing. Intermediate level. 6-wk course, 1/4, 11, 18, 25 & 2/1, 8. 7:30-9 pm, $60 advanced reg, $65 first day of class. Jon Sims Ctr, 1519 Mission St at 11th, SF. Info/reg: Gene 621-8441.

Sex, Sensuality & Women: wkshop offered by Robbi Sommer, author of *Pleasures* and *Players*. 8 pm, $5. Women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Jenny Reed at Artemis Cafe: blues & jazz styles. 8 pm, $4-6 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

At Cody's: author Charles Palliser reads from *The Quincunx*, a pastiche of a Victorian novel. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Bobby McFerrin & *Voicestra* in concert tonight & tmw at Great American Music Hall. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm. Tix & other info: 885-0750.

Old First Concerts series features pianist Jonathan Shames in a program of works by Beethoven, Bernstein, Chopin & Mussorgsky. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Tix at STBS. 1751 Sacramento St, SF. Info: 474-1608.

The Fabulous Lypsinka Show at Josie's Cabaret. See 1/3 listing for details.

Cross-Country Skiing for Women at Tahoe-Donner or Royal Gorge. 1/4-6, 11-13 and 25-27. Stay in 2-bedroom house with 4-6 women; share food, cleaning, and a good time! $40 per person for 2 nights, includes 1 dinner. Info/res: 664-7317.

Lesbian & Gay Partner Dance Practice Party. Come dance to great recorded music—ballroom, latin & country western. 9-11 pm, $4. Tonight & 1/11, 18 & 24. Jon Sims Ctr, 1519 Mission St at 11th, SF. Info: 621-8441.

Spoken Word Savages Series, a spoken word series presented by Stephen Parr at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, continues with Love Monsters Vampyre Mike Kassel and Chris Trian, plus special guests. An eve of rock & roll satanism & gut-wrenching satire. 10 pm, $3. 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 558-8112.

5 SATURDAY

Bloodstream author Joel Redon appears at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. 3:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

The Fabulous Lypsinka Show at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/3 listing for details.

Island at the Roxie—see 1/4.

Twelfth Night Party & Beer Bust: A celebration of the end of the 12 days of Christmas, and the beginning of the pre-Lenten Carnival season, with the Celestial Krewe de Cuir. 7-10 pm at The Transfer, SF. $6 beer bust. Includes the royal introduction to the public of the Chevaliers of the Celestial Leather Court for Mardi Gras 1991.

Dancing Against Indifference: a benefit for Dance Bay Area's Parachute Fund and ACT-UP Golden Gate. Major performance of AIDS-inspired dance & theater, ranging from humor to sadness, from high camp to stark realism. Includes work by Contraband & Friends, filmmaker David Weissman, ODC/SF dancers Arturo Fernandez & Ney Fonesca, the Joe Goode Performance Group, Ellen Webb Dance Co, the High Risk Group and actress/storyteller/performing artist Marijo. Hosted by the zany trio of Darrell-Lynn Alvarez, Philip Horvitz & Christian Huygen, aka Absolut (sic) Manpussy. 8 pm, $12-100 SL fee. The Parachute Fund is an emergency fun which supports members of the dance community facing AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info: 621-7797.

Jazz, Blues & Latin with *Ms Behavin'* (Rebecca Adams, Audrey Albin, Jane Pettingill, Nancy Kaspar & Pat Kaspar) at Artemis Cafe. 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $6-8 SL. Info: 821-0232.

Comic Karen Williams at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Singer Bobby McFerrin at Great American, see 1/4.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight & 1/19, 8:30 p on cable 6 in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto & Stanford. Program features a look back at Outlook's past year, and a look ahead to the future.

Bi-Friendly Parchute Jump: today's the deadline to register, see 1/12 listing for details!

I Never Told Anyone: wkshop/retreat for women survivors of child sexual abuse welcomes Latina & other women of color, see 1/9 listing for details.

Rodeo & Tennessee Valley/Marin Headlands Hike with SF Hiking Club: Meet 9:15 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores St, SF. Moderate 10 mile loop with two ascents of 800 ft each. Bring water, lunch & sweater or wind-breaker. Auto drive 30 miles roundtrip. $2 bridge toll. $5 cost per car, to be shared among passengers. Rain cancels. Leader: Marko Perdih.

Monterey Bay Whale Watching with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans—today is the deadline for reservations! See 1/26 listing for details.

Inspiration Pt/Tilden Park Run with Eastbay Frontunners. Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Dr or Shasta Rd. Continue to Wildcat Canyon Rd. Follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Pt. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot on left. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Friday Night Live at Amelia's: features Alesia Panajota & *Blues Per Square Inch* each Friday in January. Hosted by Nicole Bilotti. 9:30 pm-1 am, $5. 647 Valencia St, SF.

Copyright Clinic spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA). 20-min individual consultations with a copyright attorney on how to complete a US copyright application, as well as related questions on work-for-hire arrangements, jointly held copyright, and renewing and modifying copyrights. 10 am-12:30 pm, $20. Info: CLA 775-7200. Today & 1/19 at the Financial Ctr Bldg, 405 14th St corner of Franklin, downtown Oakland, in the 2nd floor conference room. Clinic in SF on 1/12 & 26 at Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg C, SF, room 255.

Gay Comedy Open Night at Josie's Cabaret. Emcee Mario Mondelli, with comics Danny Williams, Maureeen Brownsey & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16 St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.



The 3rd Annual Women's Wheelchair Basketball Game pits the womens' music stars against the Meteorites, the Bay Area's own women's wheelchair basketball team. Don't miss it on January 20.

Medicine Cards Class with Susan Levitt. Learn how to read the Medicine Cards & understand the wisdom of animals. Noon-3 pm, $35. Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge, Menlo Park. Info: 457-2764.

Medical Restraints—Hands-On Wkshop offered thru QSM. For s/m folks who want to learn how to use strait jackets & cloth restraints. Supervised by Hal, a trained medic. Doors open at noon, class from 12:30-3 pm, $20. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome! Over 21 only. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison at 9th St, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.

6 SUNDAY

At Cody's: Pulitzer Prize winner Hedrick Smith reads from & dicusses his book, *The Russians*, a look inside the Soviet Union today. 2 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

SF AIDS Foundation AIDS Hotline needs volunteers, training provided, see 1/11 listing for details.

The Island at the Roxie—see 1/4.

The Fabulous Lypsinka Show at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/3.

Women's Clown Wkshop: Where is your clown? Come bring her out thru improv, classic clowning, and exploring new gags, cotuming, make-up, juggling & wild play. 4 Weds, today thru 2/13. 7-9 pm at 1451 Stevenson St (at 14th), SF. $20-30 or $5-7 a class. No one turned away for lack of funds. Taught by Blast Off/Heather. Info/res: 647-3444.

Women's Aikido School of SF-see 1/1 listing.

Music I Never Dreamed author John Gilgun at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

Alta Plaza Loop with SF Frontrunners—meet 10 am at Steiner & Washington, SF for a 4 mile run along Jackson to Gough, to Sacramento, to Arguello, to Jackson, and back to Steiner & Washington. Info: Marie 921-3697.

4th Annual Treecycling in SF: takes place today thru 1/13 at 8 locations throughout SF. Free tree seedlings will be exchanged for "old" Christmas trees. These trees will be ground into chips which are given back to the owner to be used as garden mulch. For treecycling info/locations call the SF Recycling Program at 554-6950.

7 MONDAY

The Island at the Roxie—see 1/4.

Women Writers Group for lesbians over 50, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 6-8 pm tonight & 1/14 & 28. 1853 Market St, SF. For writers of any level of expertise. Info: 626-7000.

Reading & Talking Women: group meets at 6:30 pm. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). CAll Pat 626-7000 for details.

Treecycle Your Christmas Tree! See 1/6.

Making Your Life Work, a series of ongoing, free workshops by Bert Herrman, author of *Being; Being Happy; Being Gay*. Spons by Rest Stop Support Ctr. Today's topic: "Celebrating Your Uniqueness". 1/14 topic: "Values Exploration." 1/21 topic: "Discovering Meditation." 1/28 topic: "Values Exploration." At Rest Stop, 134 Church St, SF. Open to all. Info: Erik 621-1701.

Community Forum on Women of Color & the Fight for Reproductive Freedom: planning meeting for an event to address attacks on women of color & their reproductive freedom, and strategies for fighting back. Spons by the Bay Area Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (BACORR). People of all colors who are commited to keeping and expanding our reproductive rights are welcome. 7 pm at Valencia Hall, 523A Valencia St nr 16th, SF. Info: 648-1519.

Fresh Start Stop Smoking classes spons by the American Cancer Society in the Southbay for the first time offers sessions reserved for lesbians & gay men. 6 sessions held over a 3 week period. Class provides motivation & support, gives smokers the opportunity to discover why they smoke, identify ways to quit. $25. Info: (408) 287-5973.

Evolution of a Caregiver: 6-wk group for professionals & volunteers, spons by Kairos House. Emphasizes new ways to utilize caregiving challenges for personal & professional growth. Facilitated by Buz Hermes, RScP, licensed metaphysical counselor. 7-9 pm. $20 suggested donation. Info: 861-0877. Part of a series of new support groups & workshops focusing on effective caregiving skills.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly straights & gays) are welcome! Tonight & 1/14, 21 & 28.

The Jewish Lesbian Writers Group (founded in 1981) is now open to working class and/or Sephardic dykes and dykes of color. We are currently seven Ashkenazi, one working class. We meet every other Mon from 7:30-9:30 pm in the Eastbay. Info: 540-5564.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Scott Capurro. 8:30 pm. $4. Performer sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm. 3583 16th ST, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Junior Varsity Match with BATS (Bay Area Theatresports). An eve of improv madness with up-and-coming performers. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: 824-8220. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF.

A Rustling of Leaves: *Inside the Philippine Revolution*—Canadian filmmaker Nettie Wild's powerful, award-winning behind-the-scenes documentary made in the Philippines. Shot over 8 months, this film chronicles the deadly political triangle in the Philippines between the Legal Left, the Illegal (armed) Revolution, and the Reactionary Right. 10:30 pm, KQED Channel 9. Program opens KQED's second season of the Viewpoints series which presents independently produced point-of-view programs examining controversial issues.

8 TUESDAY

Women's Housing Community—Want to make it a reality? See 1/1 listing for details.

The Island at the Roxie—see 1/4.

Qi Gong: Five Animal form of Chinese exercise & martial art, taught by Vince Draddy at Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr, 1748 Market St, SF. 6-7 pm, classroom B. Every Tuesday eve, call 861-4964 for info.

Radical Women Commemorate Martin Luther King Jr's life with a critical discussion of the rising backlash against him. 6:45 pm dinner ($5 donation), meeting begins at 7:30 pm. 523A Valencia St nr 16th, SF. Info: 864-1278.

Aikido Morning Class—see 1/3.

Women's Aikido School of SF—see 1/1.

Southbay SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians) meet 7-9 pm at DeFrank Ctr, 175 Stockton St, San Jose. Tonight's topic: "Do You Believe in Magic—pt 7, Past Lives". Facilitated by Rita.

Treecycle Your Christmas Tree! See 1/6.

Lesbian & Gay Partner Dancing: Beginners level. 6-wk course. 1/8, 15, 22, 29 & 2/5, 12. 7:30-9 pm, $60 adv reg, $65 first day of class. Studio 204, 3435 Army St (old Sears Bldg), SF. Info/reg: Gene 621-8441.

Yoga Class at Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr. Traditional yoga postures & meditations, led by Achalan. 7:30-9 pm every Tues eve in classroom B. 1748 Market St, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Friends & Partners Family Group: 6-wk group covering caregiving issues including coping with stress, time management, codependency, setting limits. 7:30-9 pm. Facilitated by Richard Wagner, PhD. Spons by Kairos House. Part of a series of new support groups & wkshops focused on effective caregiving skills. $20 suggested donation. Info: 861-0877.

Frighten the Horses. Benefit Reading/Performance for *Frighten the Horses: A Document of the Sexual Revolution*, a SF-based quarterly magazine. Program features several Bay Area writers & performers including Rachel Kaplan, Carol Queen, Kim Addonizio, Sunah Cherwin, Mark Pritchard and Caitlin Morgan. Participants read erotic fiction & perform theater & music bearing on the issues with which *Frighten The Horses* is concerned—freedom of expression, abortion rights, queer identity & transgressive sexual desire. 7:30 pm, $5-10 SL. Much of the material is sexually explicit & only adults will be admitted. Fobbo Gallery, 3747 23rd St (at Chattanooga), SF. Info: 267-5670.

Midlife Transition & the Baby Boom Generation: Talk by Ross Goldstein, PhD, at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. 7:30 pm, $12.

Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names—first of a series (see 1/15, 22 & 29) of 9 weekly classes for women. Tonight's class in on Creation Goddessess—Isis, Shakti, Spider Woman, Buffalo Woman, Inanna, Freya, Shekina and Nammu. Meet each Goddess personally, thru ritual and information sharing. 8-10 pm. $80-$180 for series, $15-20 per calss. Partial work exchange available. Beginners welcome! Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & hypnotherapist, 652-6355.

The Fabulous Lypsinka Show at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/3 listing for details. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Tap Dancing Class: 6 wk course, beginners level. 1/8, 15, 22, 29 & 2/5, 12. 9-10 pm, $40 adv reg, $45 first day of class. Studio 204, 3435 Army St (old Sears Bldg), SF. Info/reg: Gene 621-8441.

Complimentary Spinal Exam & Blood Pressure Check—see 1/1 listing for details.

9 WEDNESDAY

SF AIDS Alternative Healing Project info session, see 1/3.

Best of the Festival: Frameline program of the best & most popular films from the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival continues at SF's Castro Theatre with *Extramuros*, a fascinating, dark story of love & ambition behind the convent wall—two screenings, 2:30 & 7 pm. Also *The Deputy*, a taut & gripping political thriller about a gay man high in the ranks of the Spanish Socialist Party—screens 4:50 & 9:10 pm. Info: 621-6120.

The Island at the Roxie—see 1/4.

Bi-Friendly UC support/social at UC Berkeley, see 1/2 listing for details.

Treecycle Your Christmas Tree! See 1/6.

Max Dashu reads from "The Secret History of the Witches", her unpublished manuscript on such topics as the Witches' Goddess, priestcraft, witch hunts before 1000, government by witches in Czechoslovakia, and more. 7-8 pm, $5. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Literary Agreements Wkshop spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA). An experienced literary attorney answers your questions concerning contractual negotiations between authors, agents & publishers. 7-8:30 pm, $15. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg B, SF. Room 300. Info: CLA 775-7200.

PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 7:30 pm in the choir room of Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill Rd, Mill Valley. Info: 457-1115.

Midlife Lesbian Support Group seeks women of color, see 1/2 listing for details.

Dancer/Choreographer Margie Gillis returns to the Bay Area for five performances, tonight thru 1/13 at Theater Artaud. 8 pm. For tix & other info call 621-7797.

The Fabulous Lypsinka Show at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/3 listing for details.

I Never Told Anyone: 1/9-11 workshop for women survivors of child sexual abuse has spaces available for Latina women and other women of color. Retreat facilitated by Ellen Bass, author of *I Never Told Anyone* and *The Courage to Heal*, and Amy Pine, MFCC & wkshop facilitator, with assistance by Maria Davila, a Latina survivor and counselor who has led groups for chemically dependent people. Some financial assistance available, fee may be covered by insurance. Retreat includes meals & lodging. Info: Survivors Healing Center (408) 476-7174.

"How to Live Longer & Feel Better," a talk by Nobel Laureate & Vitamin C researcher Linus Pauling. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag lecture series. Noon-1pm, free. Learn simple, inexpensive measures to take in order to lead a better, longer life. Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF, Room 300. Info: 476-4394.

10 THURSDAY

Day at the Matinee for lesbians over 60: An afternoon at the movies, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: Pat 626-7000.

Men's Friendship Group meets 2:45 pm today & 1/24 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

The Island at the Roxie—final night, see 1/4 listing for details.

Women's Aikido School of SF—see 1/1.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets, see 1/3 listing.

Aikido Morning Class-see 1/3.

Treecycle Your Christmas Tree! See 1/6.

Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: Classical nude modeling. Drop-in male figure drawing class for all skill levels. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.

UCGALA Scholarship Fundraiser reservations deadline—see 1/15 listing for details.

Boneshop of the Heart *Folk offerings from the American South*, world premiere of a film by Scott Crocker & Toshiaki Ozawa, part of Fllm Art Foundation's "Film As Art/Art In Film" series at the DeYoung Museum. Explores American individuality and visual expression thru conversations with five contemporary southern folk artists. 7 pm, $5. Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 552-8760.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Staying Sexual—It Used To Be So Hot. What Happened?" led by Dotty Calabrese. All women welcome! Call Marilyn 969-1260 for info.

Multicultural Issues & the Arts: Bay Area artists & representatives of art organizations meet tonight, 7:30-9 pm, to discuss multicultural issues in the arts, including the term "multicultural", funding issues, establishing evaluation standards, determining who speaks for multicultural organizations, and other important topics. At Koncepts Cultural Gallery, 480 3rd St nr Washington, Oakland. Info: 451-9072.

Queer Game Night at Santa Cruz Lesbian Gay Community Ctr. 7:30-9:30. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.

Taking Better Care of Your Loved One & Yourself: 6-wk group ($20 suggested donation) for partners, focused on giving quality care to a loved one while caring for oneself. 7:30-9 pm. Led by Bob Prettyman, a professional group facilitator. Spons by Kairos House, part of a series of new support groups & wkshops focused on effective caregiving skills. Info: 861-0877.

At Cody's: *Into the Heart: One Man's Pursuit of Love & Knowledge Among the Yanomama*—anthropologist Kenneth Good discusses his fascinating account of the 12 years he spent along the Venezuelan Amazon with the Yanomama Indians. A true story of adventure, survival, and the love that grew & endured between Good & Yarima, his Yanomama wife. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.



Historical photos by Rink of the old Valencie Rose are on display at Josie's Cabaret this month. Pictured: Blackberri.

The Fabulous Lypsinka Show at Josie's Cabaret—tonight's the final performance, don't miss! See 1/3 listing for details.
The Healing Circle meets tonight, see 1/3.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show in Mountain View—see 1/3.
"Healing Power of Humor," a talk by Allen Kelin, jollytologist and author of *The Healing Power of Humor* and publisher of *The Whole Mirth Catalog*. Techniques for getting thru loss, setbacks, upsets, disappointments, trials and tribulations. Noon-1 pm, free. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag lecture series at Mission Center, 1855 Folsom St, SF. Room 125. Info: 476-4394.
Doug Holsclaw in "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You". One-man play exploring ten private moments of a man in hiding. A mysterious comedy about sex, Greta Garbo, and home shopping. 10 pm, $8 tonight & 1/18. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Spoken Word Savages, a spoken word series presented by Stephen Parr at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, continues with Modern English, featuring NYC writer & smut fest producer Jennifer Blowdryer in a reading of satiric urban prose; and David West, author of *Bar* and *Evil Spirits & Their Secretaries*, in a reading of "works of angst, AIDS & alienation" in the 90's urban jungle. 10 pm, $3. 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 558-8112.

11 FRIDAY

Lesbian Intro/Escort Service presented by Midgett. 6-9 pm. Music and non-alcoholic refreshments served, come meet new friends & share old ones. Tonight & 1/18 & 25. SF location. Call Midgett 648-3658 for info/res.
Project Empowerment: A wkend retreat (1/11-13) for gay & lesbian educators. Spons by BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators). For further information call Barbara 285-5078.
Treecycle Your Christmas Tree! See 1/6.
Lesbian & Gay Partner Dancing Practice Party: see 1/4 listing for details.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight & 1/25 at 5 pm on cable 2B in San Jose; and 7:30 pm on cable 30 in Cupertino & Los Altos. Program features a look back at Outlook's past year, and a look ahead to the future.
Old First Concerts series features the *Teicholz/Dahlgren Duo* at 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. 1751 Sacramento St, SF. Info: 474-1608.
Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine: A Rock 'n Roll Fable". Written in collaboration with Ed Bullins & directed by Brian Freeman. A salute to the rhythm & blues artists who pioneered & sustained rock 'n roll at the time that it was outlaw music; the men & women who slaved on the "chitlin circuit" & the female performers who "reared up, cut loose & rocked." Performance is loosely based on the lives & careers of Ike & Tina Turner. 8 pm, $10. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 1/27 at 8 pm at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16 St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Blues & Gospel with Gwen Avery at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
1991 Bay Area Dance Series, the region's largest dance festival, launches its 10-wk series with tonight's Gala Opening Night showcasing many of the participating companies & choreographers including Margaret Jenkins, Tracy Rhoades, Liz Ozol, Mercy Sidbury, Nuba Dance Theatre, Jeff Friedman, Ballet Folkorico de Stanford, Remy Charlip, Purnima Jha & Roberts/Blank The Children's Troupe, plus some surpise guests. 8 pm. Tix $50, $25 & $15. Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St at 9th, Oakl. Tix at BASS or call 748-3141.
Michelle Patrillo & Elaine Bulkholtz in concert at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $4-6 SL. Info: 821-0232.
Cross-Country Ski Wkend for Women, see 1/4 listing for details.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline needs more English, Spanish & Tagalog-speaking volunteers, especially for daytime hotline shifts. Training begins today & continues thru the weekend. Call 863-AIDS for details.
***L'atalante* at Castro Theatre:** See the completely restored version of Jean Vigo's 1934 classic film. Thru 11/17 at Castro Theatre, Castro & Market, SF.

12 SATURDAY

Southbay FLSG (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets for a potluck at MaryAnn & Marilyn's house in Cupertino, 7 pm. For info/directions: (408) 738-8455. Newcomers welcome!
Women's Sing-Along: Bring your voice, guitar & friends for an evening of singing with other women. Berkeley location. All women welcome! Info/directions: Birch 841-6032.
Gay Men's Relationship Mixer: Ready for a relationship with another man? Attend tonight's mixer—a comfortable way to meet other quality men thru small group discussions & personal sharing. Social hour follows. Doors open at 7:15 pm, mixer begins at 7:30 pm. $5. MCC-SF Social Hall, 150 Eureka St (3 blocks west of Castro, btwn 18th & 19th), SF. Info: Partners Institute 343-8541.
Treecycle Your Christmas Tree! See 1/6.
Country Western Dance for Women at Ukiah Municipal Club House, Ukiah. 7:30 pm. Free dance lessons. Proceeds benefit People Against Racism. Info: (707) 468-8312.
Evening of originals with *Band Bern* at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $4-6 SL. Info: 821-0232.
The Edlos. The bad boys of a cappella in a special two hour concert at Marin Community Playhouse, 27 Kensington Road, San Anselmo. 8 pm, $10 adv, $11 at door. $22.50 includes California dinner. Info/res: 456-8555. Pre-dinner show at 6:30 pm.
Crystal Reeves & Kriss Gannon in concert at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine," at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/11 listing for details.
Bi-Friendly Parachute Jump: One day training and jump, brought to you by the Bi Mile High Club. Beginners welcome! Call Mark by 1/5 for registration, 549-2238.
Asserting Yourself: Tools for Change—wkshop taught by Aliyah Stein, MS, MFCC, specialist in personal & career development. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. 9:30 am-5 pm, $20-45 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836 for info.
Lake Chabot Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take I-580 East to 150th Ave Exit. Turn left at 2nd traffic light onto Fairmont Dr. Continue on Fairmont over the hill. Lake Chabot Marina entrance is on left. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot at beginning of trail. Parking fee, free offstreet parking at entrance to park. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
Friday Night Live at Amelia's, see 1/5 listing for details.
Winter Clothing Drive spons by the Social Concerns Committee of Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. Winter clothes needed for men, women & children. Collection 10 am-5 pm today, 9 am-7 pm tomorrow. For information call Jean Taylor, 282-9398.
Caregiving—The Last Stage: Unique "how-to", wkshop for caregivers who want to be supportive during the dying process. Facilitated by David Cardenas, CNA. 10 am-4 pm. Spons by Kairos House. Part of a series of new wkshops & support groups focused on effective caregiving skills. Info: 861-0877.
LEGACY, the Lesbian/Gay Community Ctr Project for Sonoma County, invites all interested people to meet at 10 am in Santa Rosa, call (707) 579-5308 for details.
Caregiving: The Final Stage—one-day "how-to" wkshop on supporting someone thru the dying process. Presented by Kairos House, a resource center for caregivers of HIV-affected persons. Open to partners, friends & family members, as well as professionals & volunteers. Facilitated by David Cardenas. 10 am-4 pm. Carpooling will be arranged to the Stinson Beach workshop site. Registration limited to 10. $20 suggested donation includes a vegetarian lunch, for reg/info call 861-0877.
Copyright Clinic spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts, see 1/5.
SF Ethnic Dance Festival Auditions: today, tmw & 1/26. 10 am-6 pm at McKenna Theater, SF State University, 19th & Holloway, SF. $1. Audiences are welcome to watch a variety of ethnic dance companies & soloists audition in colorful costumes, many to live music. The public auditions are returning after a one-year hiatus during which the guidelines & procedures were revamped in response to the changing needs of the ethnic dance community. Spons by City Celebration. Info: 474-3914.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Capurro. 8:30 pm, $4. Performer sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm. Info: 861-7933. 3583 16 St at Market, SF.

13 SUNDAY

Women's Brunch with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Monthly gathering, a fun way to meet your sister conservationists and learn about upcoming GLS events. Usually attended by 20-30 women. Homemade dishes appreciated. This month's brunch is in Pacifica, call Linda 738-1926 for info/directions.
Women's Brunch spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. Monthly potluck brunch follows the 11 am service (around 1 pm). All women welcome! Bring something to share if you can, come find out about women's programming, meet other friendly women. 150 Eureka St, SF.
Bookparty with Melissa Kwasney, author of the lesbian novel, *Modern Daughters of the Outlaw West*. 3-5 pm. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Dawn Foster-Dodson, cello, with Miles Graber, piano & Maria Tamburrino, flute; in concert at Old First Church, part of Old First Concerts series. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Works by Weber, Ginastera, Ravel & Debussy. Info: 474-1608.
Round Circle Women's Singing Group at Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr. Bring your intermediate singing skills and a favorite song to share. 4-5:30 pm, 1332 Commerce Lane, Santa Cruz. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Laura del Fuego reads from & signs copies of her novel, *Maravilla*. Also poetry about growing up Chicana, read by Rosa Duran Vasquez, Maria Elena O'Bannion & Sara Alexander. 5 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous) Mtg: a recovered alcoholic & drug addict shares how, after 9 years of sobriety, she finally accepted her identity as a Jew. She made peace with herself by applying the First Step to this inner conflict. 6 pm at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St at Presidio, SF. AJIRA meets the 1st & last Sundays of each month, see 1/27.
Gay & Lesbian Planners Assoc first potluck/mtg: 6 pm at 63 Ford St, SF. GLPA is a newly-formed organization where gay & lesbian planners can meet, network & socialize in an informal setting. Info: 626-5750.
Women's Aikido School of SF—see 1/1.
Treecycle Your Christmas Tree! Final day—see 1/6.
Men's Night Out at Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr. Drop-in discussion group for gay men. 7:30 pm. 1332 Commerce Lane, downtown Santa Cruz. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.
Winter Clothing Drive spons by MCC-SF continues, see 1/12 listing for details and donate!
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Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr: lesbians at Heartwood Spa, gay men at Brett's. $5 donation. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.

Men's Potluck Brunch for Gay men over 60. Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share, enjoy the garden & the friendship. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Martin Luther King Jr Birthday Celebration & Potluck Brunch: spons by Bi-Friendly. Bring a dish to share & commemorate this truly great civil rights leader. Noon, Eastbay location. Info: Bill 540-0869.

The Art of Bullwhipping by Dick Carlson. Wkshop spons by QSM, part of their artistic & educational series of programs for the s/m community. Offers an explanation & demo by a 20-yr veteran. Doors open at noon, class from 12:30-3 pm, $12. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison at 9th, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.

14 MONDAY

The Business of Being a Visual Artist: wkshop spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA). An attorney familiar with the business aspects of art discusses & answers questions regarding promoting and protecting one's work, and negotiating contracts. 4-5:30 pm at the Financial Ctr Bldg, 405 14th St, corner of Franklin, downtown Oakland. $15. Info: CLA 775-7200.

Women Writers Group for lesbians over 50, see 1/7 for details.

The Addictive Person: Hooked on a Process—free 8-wk course offered thru SF Community College. Begins tonight at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. 6:30 pm. Explores compulsive behaviors that turn into addictions & have adverse effects on individuals & their relationships. Discussion topics include: shopping, work, gambling & TV addiction; other compulsive behaviors, and recovery from process addictions. Taught by Bev Wells, PhD. Info: 922-7612.

Issues in Lesbian Relationships (IDST 21) Class begins this evening at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St at 17th, SF. 6:30-9:30 pm. This popular SF City College course is taught by psychotherapist Lindy McKnight, MFCC. Onsite registration allowed tonight & 1/28.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping for Self-Employed People," a 2-evening seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. Spons by Options Institute. 7-9:30 pm tonight & tmw. $60. Info/res: 821-1015.

Making Your Life Work workshop series, see 1/7 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly SF group meets for food, drink & conversation, see 1/7 listing for details.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group seeks working class and/or Sephardic dykes & dykes of color—see 1/7 listing for details.

Equal Unto the Angels by Stephanie Simpson: a staged reading directed by Vincent Brown. Play about 3 women & a young girl in a small Oklahoma town. Three interwoven monologues describe their humorous, imaginative & intrepid struggles to transcend abandonment, domestic violence & oppression. Tonight & tmw at Intersection for the Arts. 8 pm, $4. Info: 626-ARTS.

Sinfonia SF Orchestra honors Mozart's 200th Anniversary with a program devoted entirely to his work. 8 pm tonight & tmw at Herbst Theatre, SF War Memorial, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $13-33, discounts available for groups, students & seniors. Info/res: 552-3656.

Equal Unto the Angels Playreading at Intersection for the Arts, see 1/14 listing for details.

The Main Event, round 9: Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) comedy improv match continues at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: 824-8220.

Two Flutes Playing—a five-day intensive with Andrew Ramer on the planetary function of male/male love. For info/res call Body Electric School 653-1594.

MLK Jr Birthday Run with SF Frontrunners: Meet 9 am at Murphy Windmill (on Martin Luther King Jr Dr, near Great Highway) for a 5 mile run up MLK Dr around Stowe Lake & back. Info: Marie 921-3697.

15 TUESDAY

Kaiser Med Ctr seeks caring people for their AIDS Volunteer Program, see 1/1 listing for details.



Photo by Irene Young

Robin Flower and Libby McLaren perform Jan 19 at Freight & Salvage.

Read Our Lips: the Burden of Taxes on California Families—register early for this forum, see 1/29 listing for details.

A Women's Housing Community—Want to make it a reality? See 1/1 listing for details.

Labor Studies Classes offered by SF City College, starting today. Offerings include: American Labor Movement, Labor Law, Collective Bargaining, Economics for Labor Leadership, Communications Skills, Grievance Handling, Workplace Health & Safety, Rights & Discrimination, Advanced Steward Training, Worker Participation Programs, Assertiveness Training. For more info call 241-2219.

Speak for Yourself! A woman's class for actors, public speakers & others interested in finding their voices & speaking their truths. 10-wk class, $250. Enrollment limited, pre-reg required, class starts next month, call Linda McRoy, 292-5833 or Tori Bogart, 750-0946 for reg/info.

Free Desktop Publishing Class on the Macintosh computer, offered at Community College of SF's Mission campus, 106 Bartlett St, nr Mission & 22nd, SF. Learn basic Mac skills. Hands-on training in graphics & page layout programs. 18-wk class starts today. Pre-reg 1/8-10. Info: 550-4384.

Anger & Conflict in Relationships Class offered thru the Castro-Valencia Program of SF City College. Free 9-wk course. Topics covered: blocks to expressing anger, recognizing hidden anger, handling mergence of feelings, dealing with anger in relationships, anger vs assertion, aggression & conflict management, fair fighting rules, recovery from anger & conflict. 6:30 pm. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: Genevieve Howe, MFCC 922-7612.

Aikido Morning Class—see 1/3.

Southbay SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians) meet 7-9 pm at DeFrank Ctr, 175 Stockton St, San Jose. Tonight's topic: "Lesbian Marriage". Panel, video & rap.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Susan E Johnson, author of *Staying Power: Longterm Lesbian Couples* discusses her work on lesbian relationships. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Asian American Women: Wkly course (Tuesdays thru 5/31) offered by SF City College. 7-9 pm, $15 enrollment fee. Course uses a mutli-disciplinary approach of film, fiction, poetry, sociology, history & political science to explore the lives of Asian women in the United States. Info: 239-3865.

SF L/G Freedom Day Parade Auditions begin soon—call 864-FREE for details.

Reservations Deadline for the Bill T Jones/Arnie Zane & Co dance performance to raise money for gay, lesbian & bisexual UC Berkeley students (to be held on 3/9). The company will explore women's, gay, Black & religious issues thru their provocative dance. Spons by UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Make checks payable to UCGALA Scholarship Fund & mail to: Philip Fukuda, PO Box 11202, Berkeley CA 94701.

MusicSources Ctr for Historically-Informed Performance spons a 7-session (thru 2/26) evening class (7:30-9:30 pm, $100 gen'l, $90 stdnts & srs) titled "Social History of Music of the 19th Century," taught by Laurette Goldberg & guests. Explores scientific & cultural contexts affecting the music of the last century. Info/res: 528-1685. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley.

Home at the End of the World author Michael Cunningham at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

Intro to Backcountry Skiing & Equipment, spons by Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. This month's speaker is Steve White, chair of Sierra Club's Ski Touring Section. Discussion of ski touring opportunities in the Sierra Nevada. GLS members conduct an equipment & clothing demo. 7:30 pm. Sierra Club Nat'l Office, 730 Polk St at Ellis, SF. 4th floor. Admission free. Refreshments served.

Self-Esteem Enhancement & Pesonality Types: a talk by Renee Baron, MFCC. Use a respected personality interview to find out your own personality type, and how you can improve understanding & communication with others. 7:30 pm, $12. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF.

Sinfonia SF Orchestra performs an eve of Mozart—see 1/14 listing for details.

Love & Fertility Goddesses, part of a weekly series of classes for women (see 1/8 for details). Focus on Venus, Aphrodite, Oshun, Guadalupe, Ishtar, Astarte & Asherah. 8-10 pm, $15-20. Info: 652-6355.

At Cody's: social critic/historian Christopher Lasch discusses his newest work, *The True & Only Dream: Progress & Its Critics*. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Martin Luther King Jr All-Day Birthday Party at Foothill College: commemoration at the Campus Ctr, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills. Free, public welcome. Info: 949-7282.

Complimentary Spinal Exam & Blood Pressure Check—see 1/1 listing for details.

"Ethical Issues of Dying & Death," a talk by Ann J Davis, PhD, professor of nursing ethics, UCSF School of Nursing, on developments in health care ethics since Karen Ann Quinlan. Noon-1 pm, free. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag lectures series at Mt Zion Medical Ctr. Herbst Hall, 1600 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 476-4394.

16 WEDNESDAY

Discovery Gay Men's Discussion Group meets 2:15 pm, see 1/2 listing for details.

Midlife Lesbian Support Group seeks women of color, see 1/2 listing for details.

Gay & Lesbian Film Class begins tonight: 3 unit class offered on Wed & Thurs nights beginning tonight & tmw, 6:30-9:30 pm at Everett Middle School, Church & 17th Sts, SF. Room 225. 18 wks, $15 (checks only). Students may enroll at the first session. Class covers films depicting gay & lesbian life in 13 countries including Brazil, Mexico, Spain, France, Germany, Hungary, England, Ireland & Argentina. Class is co-spons by City College of SF & the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. Info: 239-3383.

Bi-Friendly UC support/social at UC Berkeley, see 1/2 listing.

"The Zuni Man-Woman, A Traditional Gay Role," slide/lecture by Will Roscoe. 7 pm, free. Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch, SF Public Library, 3555 16th St, SF. Funded by Friends of the SF Public Library.

"One of Many Names" woman-sponsored meditation/prayer service at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. Focused on the feminine aspects of the Divine. 7:30 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight on PCTV Cable Network. See 1/2 listing for details.

"The 1964 Civil Rights Act: 27 Years Later", a talk by Shauna Marshall, JD, civil rights attorney & Stanford Law School fellow, on how we can recover lost ground in civil rights. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag lecture series. Noon-1 pm, free. Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-4394.

Lesbian Support Group for Women Over 60—see 1/2 for details.

17 THURSDAY

Women's Aikido School of SF—see 1/1.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets tonight, see 1/3 listing for details.

Basic Tax Information Class: 1st session of a free 6-week class taught by Jan Zobel, EA at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Spons by SF Community College Ctrs. Info: 241-2350.

Aikido Morning Class—see 1/3.

Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: Classical nudemodeling by bodybuilder and Barechest Calendar winner Jim Rueth. Drop-in male figure drawing class for all skill levels. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 621-6294.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears, 7-11 pm. Features tarot readings ($10, call ahead to reserve time) by Suzanne Judith. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Coming Out of the Hetero Closet: A community forum spons by Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN). 7:30-9 pm, $3-5 SL donation. New College, 766 Valencia St, SF. Info: 564-BABN.

Lesbian Gathering at Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr. Tonight's topic—"Lesbian Secret Code: Our Own Special Brand of Verbal & Non-Verbal Communication." 7:30-9:30 pm, 1332 Commerce Lane, downtown Santa Cruz. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) monthly mtg: 7:30 pm at 655 14th St, SF. Speaker: Tom Ammiano, newly-elected SF School Board member. Info: 285-5078.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Card Party tonight—bring a deck of cards, card-playing accessories, & ideas! All women welcome! Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) Monthly Mtg: 7:30 pm at 655-14th St, SF. Info: Barbara 285-5078.

Peggy Seeger Concert: internationally-known British folksinger/songwriter performs at First Congregational Church, 27th St & Harrison, downtown Oakland. 8 pm, $9. Tix available at door. Info: 548-8708.

At Cody's: Dr Fiore, author of *The Now Habit*, reads & discusses his new work, *The Road Back to Health: Coping With the Emotional Aspects of Cancer*, the story of his own bout with cancer. 8 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/11 listing for details.

The Healing Circle meets tonight, see 1/3.

Charlie's Web Ensemble perform "Making Time" tonight thru 1/19 at Theatre of the Alliance Francais. 8:30 pm, $8. 1345 Bush St at Polk, SF. Performance features 3 original films, a soundtrack containing an ambient sound mixture plus live & recorded music. Cast of 7 dancers, 2 musicians, a singer plus special guest performance artist Pamela Z. Info: 775-7755.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show in Mountain View—see 1/3.

Keeping the Dream Alive: a program in celebration of Dr Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr and the Dr Martin Luther King Jr Commemoration Committee. Guest speaker Rachel Bagby, associate director of the Martin Luther King Jr Papers Project and Stanford. Bagby is also an acapella musician, composer, dancer, choreographer, ecofeminist, former journalist and attorney. Noon-1 pm, Toland Hall, UCSF. Free. Info: 476-0400.

18 FRIDAY

AIDS Mastery Registration Deadline (for 2/1-3 wkshop) is today. Supportive & loving wkshop provides empowerment to enhance the quality of life for PWA's, caregivers, & friends. Info: Gary 544-1124.

Lesbian Intro/Escort Service: see 1/11.

"The Attentive Heart in a Toxic World," lecture/wkshop with Joanna Macy. Focus on the interconnection of self-healing & world-healing. Learn how to direct attentive mindfulness to both liberate & cleanse ourselves and the world of inner & environmental toxic wastes. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm 1/19 & 20. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Gay German Social Club meets 7:30-10:30 pm in Berkeley. All are welcome to practice speaking German, and sharing something to eat or drink. For location & other info call Armand 849-3983.

The Oakland East Bay Symphony opens their 1991 season tonight at the Calvin Simmons Theatre, Henry J Kaiser Convention Ctr, 10 Tenth St, Oakl. Program features works by Beethoven, Copeland, Michael Ruszcynski & Pual Dukas. Michael Morgan conducting. Info: 465-6400.

The Fidelio String Quartet perform as part of Old First Concert series. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Works by Mozart, Druckman & Beethoven. 1751 Sacramento St, SF. Info: 474-1608.

Drama & Music at Mama Bears: folk-style songs with Bonnie Brown, plus a one-act monologue by Bernadette Armstrong—a woman's reflection on her life. 8 pm, $5-7. Women only 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

"Making Time" at Theatre of the Alliance Francaise, see 1/17.

Lesbian & Gay Partner Dancing Practice Party! See 1/4 listing for details.

Doug Holsclaw in "Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You" —final performance at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/11 listing for details.

19 SATURDAY

Stop the War in the Middle East: march & rally in honor of Dr Martin Luther King Jr's anti-war legacy, and to right racism & poverty at home. Gather 11 am at Mission Dolores Park, 18th St & Dolores, SF. Rally with music & speakers at 1 pm at Civic Ctr (Civic Ctr BART). Coincides with today's National March on Washington. Spons by the Emergency Committee to Stop the US War in the Middle East, endorsed by dozens of Bay Area groups, over 400 nationally. Info: 821-6545.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Potluck Meeting: social gathering for people living with HIV and friends. 7:30 pm. Bring a favorite dish to share. Spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. Call the church office for info/location: 863-4434.

"Ghetto in the Sand: Gay Cherry Grove, 1950-1960," a lecture by professor Esther Newton, spons by the Gay/Lesbian Historical Society. MCC-SF. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 626-0980.

Julian Gray & Ronald Pearl, classical guitar duo in concert at the Green Room, SF War Memorial, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. 8 pm, $14. Works by Roberto Sierra, Celso Machado, Fernando Sor, Loris Chobabian, Domenico Scarlatti, Michael White and Manuel De Falla. Info: 726-1203.

Over Our Heads Comedy Improv: night of music, fun & laughter at ClaireLight Women's Books, 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #, Santa Rosa. 8 pm, $7-10 SL. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/11 listing for details.

Monica Grant & Tracy Stark in concert at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $6-8. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Judith Kate Friedman: concert of new songs & beautiful guitar at Sacred Grounds Coffeehouse, Hayes at Cole (in the Haight), SF. 8 pm, $4-6 (no one turned away for lack of funds). After a set of original music, the guitar will be passed around, anyone who has songs or poems to share is encouraged to bring them. Info: 668-9221.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight in the Southbay, see 1/5 listing for details.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge presents their Gala Opening Event: Music, rap, danc-

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Lesbian Mothers/Persian Gulf Crisis: Lesbian mothers of sons or daughters serving in the armed services in the Persian Gulf get together for support & talk. Gay fathers are welcome. Info: Nancy 239-5692.

A Different Breed social/support group for parents who identify outside the mainstream (bisexual, lesbian, gay, transsexual, etc) meet for a potluck lunch on 1/13 at 11 am in SF. Kids are welcome! Info/location: Susan 524-0574.

"How to Talk to Your Kids about the Homophobic World," a program presented by Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's Children's Chavurah. 1/12, 10 am-12:30 pm. Discussion followed by family potluck lunch. Childcare provided by pre-registration only, call 334-7635 to reserve & get potluck instructions. 220 Danvers, SF.

Lesbian/Gay Parents & Their Kids meet 1/18 at 7:30 pm in the Steuart Room of First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael. Corner of Mission & E. Childcare provided, $2 per family. Info: 457-1115.

The Power of Touch, the Power of Movement: a group for moms & babies, led by Lynne Uretsky & Jenna Rosek. A learning/support group integrating developmental & creative movement, touch & talk. Ongoing Mondays, 10-12, $20. Berkeley location. First visit free. Info: 465-9306.

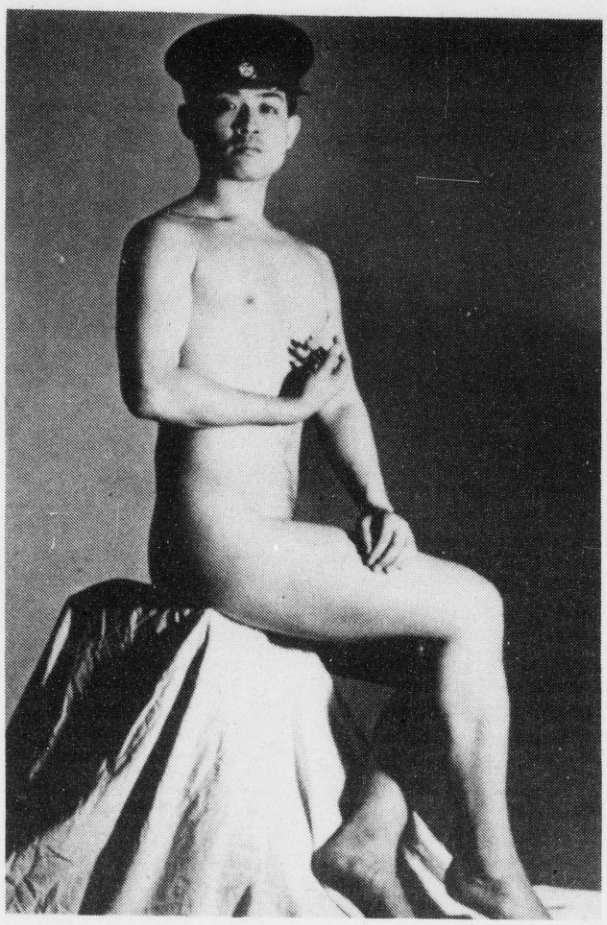
"Learning to Play, Playing to Learn," a talk for parents & teachers, 1/9, 7:30-9 pm, $3. Given by Alanna Freeman at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF.

Free Classes for Mothers of young children who wish to quit smoking. Learn easier ways to be a parent, reduce stress, & become (or continue to be) a nonsmoker. Meet other mothers, get support for parenting/smoking issues. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Info/res: 255-7270. New classes start the end of this month.

Gay Fathers Holiday Party for dads, their friends & kids of all ages. Celebrate Hanukkah & Christmas with food & entertainment. 12/8, 5 pm. Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush & Gough Sts, SF. Info: 759-5122.

Community Music Center Winter Quarter Registration begins on 1/4. CMC offers workshops, group classes & performing groups for all ages. Also offers pre-instrumental music groups for children. SL fee, based on family income. Info: 647-6015.

Recreation & Fitness Classes Registration at UCSF begins 1/8. Over 100 classes offered in aerobics, ski conditioning, ballet, jazz dance, ballroom dance, tae kwon do, volleyball, yoga, pre-natal water aerobics & more. Classes offered for both adults & children. Info/res: 476-1115.



Undercover "gay" agent Dorian Gray in John Greyson's film "Urinal" is part of "Best of the Lesbian/Gay Film Fest" this month. See Jan 23.

ing, drumming, clowning & more with Mimi Fried, Allison Green, Marilyn T, live bands... Show starts at 8:30 pm, $4-10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: 648-3448. 1451 Stevenson at 14th St, SF.

"Making Time" at Theatre of the Alliance Francaise, see 1/17 listing for details. Final performance!

Robin Flower & Libby McLaren in Concert: Night of fine Cajun, Irish & bluegrass-influenced originals. 8:30 pm at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: 548-1761.

Dykes Night Out with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group—come out for a night of dancing & frolicking at Club St John, 170 W St John (at San Pedro), San Jose. 8:30 pm, look for us at one of the tables near the back bar & the patio. $5 cover charge. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Celebrating the Body Erotic: 2-day seminar explores sacred sex rituals based on Tantra, Taoism & Native American traditions with Joseph Kramer & Matthew Simmons. 9 am-6 pm today & tmw. Info/res: Body Electric School 653-1594.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (merges briefly with 23rd), turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda & continue on Park to Otis. Turn left on Otis, follow Otis across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr, and immediately right onto Veterans Ct. Meet at 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Friday Night Live at Amelia's, see 1/5 listing for details.

Copyright Clinic presentec by Calif Lawyers for the Arts, see 1/5 listing.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity—share feelings, fears & joys. Safe, confidential setting. Discuss coming out, homophobia, and resources. Work on sexual identity issues; learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression; begin to create a support network for yourself. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View (40 minutes south of SF) location. $35-50 SL fee. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Gay Comedy Open Night at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mario Mondelli and comics Karen Williams, Dan Morgan, and Suzy Berger. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Bi-Friendly goes to Rocky Horror Show: join Bi-Friedly for the midnight Rocky Horror Picture Show performance at the Lumiere, 1572 California at Polk, SF. Bring rice, water pistols, flashlights & other traditional accoutrements. Meet at 10 pm for pizza at the Front Room, 1500 California, SF. Call 885-3200 on Saturday to confirm film schedules, if it changes come anyway for pizza.

20 SUNDAY

3rd Annual Women's Wheelchair Basketball Benefit: Bay Area Meterorites vs Bay Area Musicians (Teresa Chandler, Debbie Fier, Judy Fjell, Mimi Fox, Judith Kate Friedman, Robin Flower, Monica Grant, Nancy Henderson, Juli Homi, Joy Julks, Libby McLaren, Vicki Randle, Jewel Robinson, Elaine Townsend, Theresa Trull and Nancy Vogel). Entertainment provided by members of the SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band. Also raffles, refreshments. SIGN. Doors open at 1:30 pm, tip-off is at 2 pm. $5-10 SL gen'l donation, $2.50 disabled, srs, & kids. Proceeds benefit the Meteorites. Haas Pavilion Gymnasium, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakl.

Bay Area Meteorites vs Bay Area Women's Musicians: game starts at 2 pm, doors open at 1:30 pm. Mills College Haas Pavilion Gym, 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. $5-10 donation, $2.50-5 srs, disabled & kids. Info: 655-8814.

Bookparty at Mama Bears with Susan E Johnson, author of *Staying Power: Longterm Lesbian Couples*. The first nationwide study of longterm lesbian couples. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Gwen Avery in Concert at Josie's Cabaret: blues, soul, r&b stylings, originals & otherwise. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16 St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Bach's *Peasant Cantata*, a hilarious 18th century musical comedy about love and taxes, presented by MusicSources & Yoshi's. Includes main dining room seating for dinner, with selected menu choices. Dinner & show: 5 pm, $30. Dessert & show only: 6:30 pm, $15. 6030 Claremont Ave, Oakland. Info: 528-1685.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Lynn Watson reads from her newly-published collection of prose poetry *Amateur Blues*. 5 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/11 listing for details.

Tilden Regional Park Hike with SF Hiking Club. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores St, SF (Eastbay hikers can meet at 10:15 am at the starting point, Inspiration Pt in Tilden Park). Hike the skyline trail and other trails in Tilden Park. Easy to moderate hiking, total distance 8-9 miles. Bring lunch, water, warm clothes & rain gear (heavy rain cancels, light rain & showers do not). Driving distance: 40 miles. $5 cost per car, to be divided among passengers. Info: Felix Smith 826-2332 BEFORE 11 pm).

Lake Merced Run with SF Frontrunners: Meet 10 am at the boathouse on Harding Road (off Skyline Blvd nr the Great Highway) for a 4 or 4.5 mile run around Lake Merced. Info: Merie 921-3697.

Rock Climbers Gathering: Stonewall Climbers, a group of lesbian, gay & bisexual climbers, meet at 11 am at Beaver Street Wall in SF for top roping & bouldering. Call 255-3162 for directions & more info.

21 MONDAY

Healing into Life & Death: A wkend investigation of conscious living & conscious dying, led by Stephen & Ondrea Levine. This 2-day wkshop (10 am-5 pm today, 1-5 pm tmw) provides an opportunity to gently explore our common grief, loss, sense of separation & great capacity for healing. Uses practical insight, guided meditation & discussion to explore the dying & healing process with awareness, candor & lightness. $105 per person. 12 contact hours for nurses available. CC (childcare) provided. Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix at BASS. Info: 762-2277 or thru the ACCESS Group 883-6111.

Exploring the Heart of Healing in AIDS: a wkshop with Ram Dass & Stephen Levine. 1-5 pm at Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. The first Levine & Dass joint event in years. Explore the nature of spiritual growth and healing, with emphasis on the AIDS epidemic. An exploration of healing into life in the context of our growing experience of AIDS and other life-threatening conditions, with the message that the heart of healing lies in work on oneself. $35 per person. Tix at BASS 762-2277 or thru The ACCESS Group 883-6111.

Separatists—meeting of the Seps. Everyone has their own definition of separatist; leave the PC controversy at home. Bring your tolerance for other points of view. Meeting Purpose: To see who we are & make some connections with other women who feel we want to focus our time on and with women. Call 668-8217 for info/location.

Making Your Life Work workshop series, see 1/7 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 1/7 listing for details.

Fall in Love with Guitar & Vocal Classes: Ongoing, 8-wk small group classes: Beginning Acoustic Guitar, Beyond Basics, Intermediate Fingerpicking Styles, Country Blues, and Skills for Vocalist-Guitarists. Taught by songwriter/performer Judith Kate Friedman at 5th String, 5957 Geary Blvd at 24th, SF. For full schedule/pre-reg info call 668-9221 or 668-8282.

Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine" at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Coping with AIDS & HIV: Dr Susan Folkman, head of the UC Coping Project, reports on research into the effects of AIDS on lovers, caregivers, friends & families living with HIV Disease; and looks for new participants in this longterm project. 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. In the church sanctuary. Spons by Metropolitan Community Church of SF. Info: 863-4434.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group seeks working class and/or Sephardic dykes & dykes of color, see 1/7 listing for details.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group Planning Mtg: 7:30-9 pm. Come help decide topics for March-June mtgs. Info/directions: Marilyn 969-1260. All women welcome!

The Main Event round 10: BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) comedy improv team battles continue at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: 824-8220.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Suzy Berger. 8:30 pm, $4. Performers sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

22 TUESDAY

A Woman's Housing Community—Want to make it a reality? See 1/1 listing for details.

Free Printing & Graphic Classes begin today at Community College of SF's Mission campus. 18-wk day & evening classes. Excellent training on new equipment. Pre-reg 1/8-10, or come to first day of class. Info: 550-4384.

The Global Fight for Reproductive Rights is the topic of tonight's Radical Women meeting celebrating the anniversary of the *Roe v Wade* decision. Tonight's meeting looks at how feminist upsurges around the world have been

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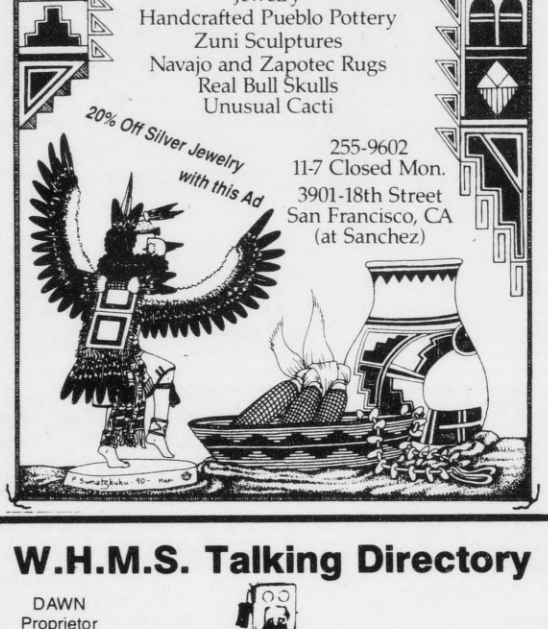
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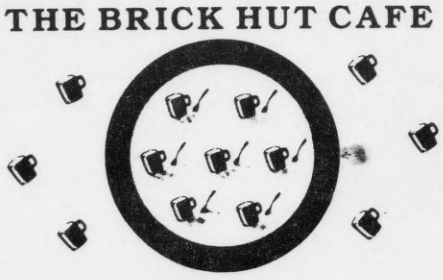
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Aikido Morning Class—see 1/3.

"Coping With Failure—How to Do It," talk by Jonathan, spiritual counselor and minister at the Church of Amron. 7 pm. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Video Night spons by Southbay SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians). 7-9 pm, at DeFrank Ctr, 175 Stockton St, San Jose.

Cutting, by Raelyn Gallina. Wkshop shows how to cut designs into the skin as a form of aesthetic or spiritual expression, led by a professional piercer and cutter. Spons by QSM as part of their educational/artistic series of classes for the s/m community. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $12. Over 21 only. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Upstairs at 1354 Harrison at 9th, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Are You Afraid of Fat? Wkshop at Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr. Led by Dawn Atkins & Tapati Sarasvati, explores the impact of looksism, body image & fat phobia on the lives of lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1332 Commerce Lane, Santa Cruz. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.

Advanced Birds & Bees, a talk with Isadora Alman, MA, MFCC, *SF Bay Guardian* columnist. 7:30 pm, $12. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF.

Rosemary Bock Sings Kurt Weill: Rosemary Bock, accompanied by pianist Robert Petitt, pays tribute to the genius of composer Weill in this cabaret evening covering two decades of his work. 8 pm, $7. Tonight & tmw, and 1/29 & 30. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Greek author Nanos Valaoritis reads & signs copies of *My Afterlife Guaranteed*, a collection of prose poems, meditations & narratives at Cody's, 2465 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm. Info: 845-7852.

Independent Maiden, Child & Childbirth Goddesses—part of a weekly series of classes for women (see 1/8 listing for details). Focus on Diana, Artemis, Bast, Persephone, Tauret & Lilith. 8-10 pm, $15-20. Info: 652-6355.

Complimentary Spinal Exam & Blood Pressure Check—see 1/1 listing for details.

23 WEDNESDAY

Best of the Festival: Frameline spons program of the best & most popular films from the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival continues with *Urinal*, a passionate & playful film part surreal comedy, part news story; screens 2:25, 5:45 & 9 pm. Also *Beyond Gravity*, a New Zealand comic short about life, love & the end of the earth. Screens 1, 4:20 & 7:40 pm. Castro Theatre, SF. Info: 621-6120.

Midlife Lesbian Support Group seeks women of color, see 1/2 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly Night on the Town—today's the deadline for your dinner reservations, see 1/26 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly UC support/social at UC Berkeley, see 1/2 listing for details.

Bookparty at Mama Bears with Anna Livia, author of *Incidents Involving Warmth*. 7 pm, women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Overview of Copyright Wkshop presented by Calif Lawyers for the Arts. An experienced copyright attorney discusses & answers questions concering copyright basics for artists of all disciplines. 7-8:30 pm, $15. Ft Mason, Bldg B, SF. Room 300. Info: CLA 775-7200.

Sculptor William Tucker speaks at SF Art Institute's Lecture Hall, 800 Chestnut St, SF. $5 gen'l, $3 stdnts. Info: 771-7020.

Candlelight Meditation Service in the Taize tradition, spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. 7:30 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Rosemary Bock sings Kurt Weill at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/22 listing for details.

"Beyond Glasses: What's New in Eye Care," a talk with David Hwang, MD, UCSF assistant professor of ophthalmology & co-director of the UCSF Cornea Service. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag lecture series. Noon-1 pm, free. Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room 300.

BACW Lunch in the Financial District, spons by BACW Marin. Newcomers welcome! For info call Renee 237-9209 (leave message).

24 THURSDAY

Body-Mind Centering: A Movement & Hands-On Class. 8-wk class, 1-3 pm, $20. Work & play with the body systems (bones, fluids, muscles, organs). Learn hands-on techniques specific to each, as well as ways to call on these systems for support, recuperation & creative inspiration. Info/res: Lynne Uretsky 465-9306. reSource School, Berkeley.

Proposed Arts Policy for the City & County of SF: public hearing on the third draft of the proposal. 1:30 pm, room 282, SF City Hall. You can pick up a copy of the draft at the Arts Commission offices, 25 Van Ness Ave, room 240 (near Market St), SF. Hearing takes place before a joint meeting of the Arts Commission & Planning Commission and is the first item on the agenda. Info: 554-9677.

Men's Friendship Group mtg—see 1/10 listing for details.

The Classroom Climate: Chilly for Women Faculty—Dr Bernice Sandler discusses the differential treatment accorded female and male faculty, and how this often makes teaching a more stressful experience for women than for men. Useful strategies for dealing with this also discussed. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. 4-5 pm lecture in Cole Hall, 5-6 pm reception at the School of Nursing Mezzanine. Info: 476-0400. Free.

Women's Business Network Mtg: 6-9 pm at Harriet Tubman Terrace, 2870 Adeline at Russell, Berkeley. Tonight's topic: How to Get State Contracts. WBN promotes women-owned businesses and supports women changing careers. Catered meeting, with live msuic. Info: 271-0165.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets tonight, see 1/3 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly Rendezvous at 6:50 pm in front of the Castro Theatre, SF for 7 pm screening of *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*—part of the bi heritage.

Aikido Morning Class—see 1/3.

Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: Classical nude modeling by posterboy Marcus Allen. Drop-in male figure drawing class for all skill levels. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 621-6294.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Celebration Committee Planning Mtg: anyone wishing to be part of the input process discussing potential speakers & topics for the upcoming 1991 Parade (theme: "Hand in Hand Together"). 7 pm, in the back room of Charpe's Grill, 131 Gough St, SF. Info: 864-FREE.

Close Encounters of the Lesbian Kind is the topic at tonight's Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group mtg. Marilyn leads an open discussion about lesbian sex. 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 7:30-9 pm. All women welcome! 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/11 listing for details.

The Healing Circle meets tonight, see 1/3.

The Wrong Way Home: *Uncovering the Patterns of Cult Behavior in American Society*—Arthur J. Deikman discusses his new book, an exploration of the ways in which desire for security & a meaningful life can create cult behavior in our businesses, churches, politics & psychiatry. 8 pm at Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show in Mountain View, see 1/3.

Lesbian & Gay Partner Dancing Practice Party! See 1/4 listing for details.



"The Mummery" features Mary Wells, Megan Anderson and Stella Mercier as "The Barber Shop Ladies." OnStage has details.

The Classroom Climate: Chilly for Women Students—a lecture/discussion by Dr Bernice Sandler. Discussion of how & why women students are treated differently by many faculty, both male & female, and what strategies may be used for dealing effectively with this. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Noon-1 pm, Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.

25 FRIDAY

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs in the Southbay, see 1/11 listing for details.

Lesbian Intro/Escort Service—see 1/11 listing for details.

"The Re-Emergence of the Goddess," lecture/wkshop with Elinor Gadon. A look at the current re-emergence of the Goddess as a metaphor & symbol for the transformation of contemporary culture. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30-5:30 pm tmw. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

"Art, Science & Ancient Wisdom: Drawing the Light from Within," wkshop with Judith Cornell. Focus on different theories of inner & outer light, and how they integrally function as a necessary part of human creative development. Also discuss the implications of art, and what it means to be an artist. 7-9 pm tonight, and 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

"Sexual Experience & Sexual Counseling: Eastern & Western Perspectives", wkshop with Harrison Voigt. Utilizes Eastern & Western paradigms to explore personal, interpersonal & transpersonal dimensions of sexuality. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Meets requirements for eligibility for or renewal of the MFCC, LCSW and Psychology license in California. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Men's HIV-Negative Discussion Group: informal group discusses topics affecting HIV-negative men. Newcomers welcome! Spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. 7:30 pm. 150 Eurkea St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Public Play—How Far is Too Far? Discussion led by Joy Schulenberg, for experienced s/m players only. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm. $10. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Over 21 only. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.

"Lesbian & Gay Organizing in Israel," is the topic of today's talk by political activist Gila Svirsky, director in Israel of the New Isreal Fund, a joint effort by Israelis & North Americans to strengthen democracy in Israel. Talk follows Fri eve Shabbat services at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers St at Caselli. Info: 861-6932.

Classical Trash Concert: a historical burlesque of French music & fashion, with Brenda Schuman-Post, oboe; Suzanne Garramone, keyboards. A baroque-to-modern musical fashion review, part of Old First Concert series. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 474-1608.

Parli italiano? Come celebrate the holidays Italian style in an informal evening's chatter with a friendly group, from beginners to natives. 8 pm. Info/location Paolino 431-6414 (wk), 282-4956 (hm).

The Mills College Women's Strike: They called it a Revolution. Video detailing the events of last spring, when students at Mills College went on strike, took over & shut down their college to protest the decision of the Board of Trustees to admit men. The protest lasted two weeks & gained national media coverage, and the Board of Trustees reversed their decision. 8 pm, $3. Women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Rhodessa Jones Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine" at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/11 listing for details.

Sympathetic Resonance, an "adventure in new music & improvisation" for the piano, synthesizer, electronics, voice, horn & electric violin, with composers/performers Beth Bornholdt and Kathryn Lyle and guests Amy X Neuburg and Chris Brobowski. Evening's focus is on solo & group performances that explore ritual, horizons & technology. 8 pm, $8. The Coffee Mill, 3363 Grand Ave, Oakl. Info: 465-5866.

Cross-Country Ski Wkend for Women—see 1/4 listing for details.

BGMU Workshop, a performance group of Black gay men, presents a work in progress at Josie's Cabaret, a preview of a new piece about the lives and times of Black gay men. Uses performance, dance, music & spoken word to present a "photo album of determination, difference & 'dish' ", capturing the unique perspective of Balck gay life & the disrupted alliances Black gays must confront. A challenging look at the struggles Black gay men face in defining their community and finding their way home. Writer/director Brian Freeman, writer/choreographer Bernard Branner, actor/dancer Eric Guptun. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16 St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

26 SATURDAY

Fertile Ground: wkshop for women. Question topic: "What is the Reproductive System?" Opportunity to experience the reproductive organs from within. Learn/review their geography & function. Use art, writing, movement, & sound to give voice to this creative center, shedding past hurts. Dream into being a new meaning for these organs. 1-5 pm. $20. 4-wk group, limited to 7 women. $75. Info/res: Lynne 465-9306.

Bi-Friendly Night on the Town in the Eastbay: dinner, followed by dancing at the White Horse (6551 Telegraph Ave at 66th, Berkeley). Info/res: Bill 540-0869 by 1/23.

MusicSources Ctr for Historically-Performed Performance features Colin Tilney, int'l interpreter of 17th-18th century music, in two eves (tonight & tmw) of keyboard music. Tonight: works by CPE Bach & Haydn on the clavichord. Tomorrow: works by Scarlatti & Frescobaldi on the harpsichord. 8 pm tonight, 5 pm tmw. $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Info: 528-1685. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley.

Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine," at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/11 listing for details.

Over Our Heads performs fine comedy improv & music at Mama Bears tonight. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536

Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Monterey Bay Whale Watching with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans for an afternoon boat excursion to see whales in Monterey Bay. Peninsula naturalist Anne Bushnell provides a lively interpretive program. See whales, sea lions & sea otters. End the day with dinner in Monterey. $15. Deadline for sign-ups is 1/5. Call 861-6591 for info.
Healing the Earth Bodywork Training: 100-hr California state-approved certification program for lesbians & gay men. Scholarships available for volunteers with AIDS or hospice agencies. For info on tuition, course descriptions & class times call Body Electric School at 653-1594.
St Mary's/Moraga Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Rte 24 East to Orinda Exit. Turn right on Moraga Way, continue 5+ miles. Turn left at light in Moraga on Canyon Rd (Moraga Rd). Bear right at next light onto St Mary's Rd. Turn immediately into first parking lot on left. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
Friday Night Live at Amelia's, see 1/5 listing for details.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mario Mondelli & comics Tom Ammiano, Marilyn Pittman & Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

27 SUNDAY

Reaching from the Roots: moving wkshop with Lynne Uretsky & Cress Forester. Learn peaceful movement, creative expression & communication. Draw on development movement, Continuum, Aikido, your animal selves & pure delight. 1-5 pm. $20-35 SL fee. Footloose Studio, 3252A 19th St at Shotwell, SF. Info: Cress 826-2135. Please pre-register.
Women's Social spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). An afternoon of fun & games with GLOE women, don't miss! Bring your favorite game & food to share. 2-5 pm at 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Latin Dancing Wkshop especially designed for same-sex partners. Features the Cha-Cha. 2-5 pm, $20 adv reg, $25 day of wkshop. Studio 204, 3435 Army St, SF. Info: Gene 621-8441.
Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr sponsors "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Inter-Community Relations Discussions", features panel & facilitated, small-group discussions. 3-5:30 pm at Calvary Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 532 Center St, Santa Cruz. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.
***Menage* in concert** at Josie's Cabaret. *Menage*, a small vocal group from the *Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF*, was voted outstanding vocal ensemble at the 1990 Cable Car Awards. 4 pm, $6. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Round Circle Women's Singing Group at Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr. 4-5:30 pm. Bring your intermediate singing skills & a favorite song to share. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.
Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr: Potluck & Video Night. 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share. Info: (408) 425-LGCC.
AJIRA (see 1/13) Mtg: features a recovering codependent & adult child of a Jewish dysfunctional family, who shares her progress thru working the 12 Steps. She also discusses her program as part of an interfaith marriage with her non-Jewish husband who is a member of AA. 1 pm at SF Jewish Community Ctr.
Women's Aikido School of SF see 1/1.
Isabel Allende: *Stories of Eva Luna* at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 282-9246.
Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor in "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine" — final performance at Josie's! See 1/11 listing for details.
8th Annual City Hike to the top of SF's four tallest hills, with SF Hiking Club. Meet 9:45 am at Harvey Milk Plaza, SW corner of Market & Castro, SF. Bring lunch. Hike concludes around 3 pm. Wear comfortable, good-gripping shoes, trails are steep in places. Rain cancels.
Lafayette Park Loop Run with SF Frontrunners: meet 10 am at the corner of Sacramento & Octavia Sts, SF, for a hilly 3.5 mile run. Info: Marie 921-3697.

28 MONDAY

Auditions for the entertainment portion of the 1991 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration begin soon, call 864-FREE for info.
Basic Overview of Forming a Non-Profit Organization: wkshop spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA). An experienced attorney discusses & answers questions concerning why & how to form a non-profit organization. 4-5:30 pm, $15. Financial Ctr Bldg, 405 14th St, corner of Franklin, downtown Oakland. Info: CLA 775-7200.
Women Writers Group for lesbians over 50, see 1/7 listing for details.
Issues in Lesbian Relationships Class—tonight's your last chance to register! See 1/14 for details.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 1/7 listing for details.
Making Your Life Work workshop series—see 1/7 listing for details.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Suzy Berger. 8:30 pm, $4. Performer sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm. 3583 16 St, SF. Info: 861-7933.
The Jewish Lesbian Writers Group is now open to working class and/or Sephardic dykes and dykes of color, see 1/7 listing for details.
Bharati Mukherjee, author of *The Middleman and Other Stories* reads from & signs copies of her novel *Jasmine*, "a prose-poem about being an exile, a refugee, a spiritual vagabond in the world today." 8 pm at Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
The Main Event, Round 11: Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) comedy improv battles continue at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: 824-8220.
The Marin Men's Gathering (TMMG) sponsors a concert with Peter Barclay, renowned performer & musical artist. 8-10 pm at MCC of the Redwoods, 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. An evening to inspire, entertain & honor music by and for Gay men. Bring a dessert or beverage; a friend or lover; and relax and enjoy! TMMG is spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of the Redwoods as an outreach to gay & bisexual men in Marin County. For info call 456-4460 or 927-2018.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs 10:30 pm on Viacom cable channel 25 in SF. Program features a look back at Outlook's past year, and a look ahead to the future.



"Making Your Life Work" workshop series at Rest Stop Center; see Jan 7 for details.

29 TUESDAY

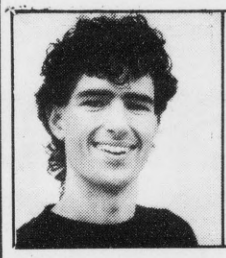
A Woman's Housing Community—Want to make it a reality? See 1/1 listing for details.
Speak for Yourself! Class for women actors, public speakers & others, see 1/15 listing for details.
A Sexposium at the Women's Bldg: Presented by Mary Midgett. Learn how to talk erotica for money, express your thoughts thru conversation. Networking. Learn the latest in sex toys, books, candy & more. Free handouts. 6-8:30 pm, $35-50 SL fee. Tonight & 1/31. Info: Midgett 865-0754 before 1/5, 648-3658 after.
Aikido Morning Class—see 1/3.
Southbay SOL (Slighly Older Lesbians) meet 7-9 pm at DeFrank Ctr, 175 Stockton St, San Jose. Tonight's topic: "All Lesbians Are Closet Writers". Share something you've written—poetry, erotic fantasy, diary entries, whatever, with friends at SOL.
"How to Get Out of the Sleep State," talk by Valrie Willaims, metaphysics teacher at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Pastor's Book Discussion at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. Come for a discussion of Mike Hippler's ... *So Little Time*, a collection of essays on gay life in SF. 7:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Say Yes to Love: Self-Loving & Intimacy—talk with Susan Christy, MA. Learn to love from the inside out. Spons by SF Jewish Community Ctr. 7:30 pm, $12. 3200 California St, SF.
Mother Goddesses—part of a weekly series of classes for women (see 1/8 listing for details). Focus on Demeter, Ceres, Quan Yin, Changing Woman, Hathor, Tiamat, Parvati & Cybele. 8-10 pm, $15-20. Info: 652-6355.
Richard Morris, author of *Time's Arrow* and *Dismantling the Universe*, signs copies of his latest book, *The Edges of Science: Crossing the Boundary from Physics to Metaphysics* and gives a talk on the question "Where do galaxies come from?" 8 pm at Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Rosemary Bock Sings Kurt Weill at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/22 for details.
Read Our Lips: The Burden of Taxes on California Families—New California Alliance and California Family Action present a Media & Community Forum examining the impact of taxes on middle & lower income families. Some questions asked: Given the level of taxes we pay, why isn't there enough money to pay for the services that families need? Is our tax system fair. Who bears the heaviest burden? Do low & middle income families benefit from tax programs designed to aid them, such as social security, childcare credits, home mortgage deductions & renters' credits—and if not, who does? Why do we know so little about who really pays taxes, and what can we do to change things. 8:30 am-12:30 pm, with catered lunch & informal discussion to follow. Attendance limited, so RSVP as soon as possible, 543-4561. Yerba Buena Media Ctr, 370 3rd St, SF.
Complimentary Spinal Exam & Blood Pressure Check—see 1/1 listing for details.

30 WEDNESDAY

Best of the Festival: Frameline-spons film series featuring the best & most popular films from the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival continues at SF's Castro Theatre with *Pink Narcissus*, 1971 film about a young man who escapes from the real world in a sequence of pink satin fantasies—he's a slave chosen by the emperor, a bullfighter, a wood nymph, a harem boy. Screens at 2:50, 5:55 & 9 pm. Also *Seduction: The Cruel Woman*, an episode from the life of Wanda, a mysterious tyrant whose speciality is setting traps for her lovers, both male and female. An unusual film exploration of sadomasochism. Screens 1:10, 4:15 & 7:20 pm. Info: 621-6120.
Midlife Lesbian Support Group seeks women of color, see 1/2 listing for details.
Bi-Friendly-UC support group/social at UC Berkeley. See 1/2 listing for details.
In A Word: a celebration of writing by Sandy Boucher's writing workshop. Fiction, autobiography, humor & essays. Readers include Sharon Spencer, Nancy Humphries, Ann Hershey, Anita Linker, Judy Clarence, Deborah Israel, Joan Gelfand, Ina Campbell, Cherie James, Alice Hamers, V. Papaya-Mann, Gwen Bikis, Nancy Berson & Sandy Boucher. 7 pm, $5. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Enhancing the Pleasure of Whipping: wkshop features explanation & demo by Joseph Bean, managing editor of *Drummer*. Spons by QSM as part of their educational/artistic series of classes for the s/m community. Over 21 only. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Doors open at 7 pm, wkshop from 7:30-10 pm. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.
Chinese Herbal Therapy for people with HIV—come learn about its use. 8 pm, $5 requested donation. Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr, 1748 Market St, SF. Classroom B. Info: 861-4964.
The Inside Story of US Prisons: Inmates tell their stories of brutal & excessive punishment in the recently completed Prison Discipline Study, which raises concern about torture in US prisons. Presentation by PDS staff Therese Coupez, Francis Friedman & Corey Weinstein, followed by discussion

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of the causes & social impact of these conditions. 8 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Rosemary Bock Sings Kurt Weill at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/22 listing for details.

Wkshop: How to Program Your VCR: Ever wanted to record a TV show while you were away from home but couldn't even program the clock on your VCR? Or wanted to record a show while it's on, but couldn't get past the instruction manual? This wkshop is for you—bring your remote control, if you have one, your instruction manual & your sense of humor. Taught by Henry Baker, projectionist for UCSF Classroom Support Services. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Noon-1 pm, $5 per person. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836 for info.

Breaking the Silence: the Lesbian Survivor, from Incest to Battery. A 2-part lecture & discussion exploring the specific needs and concerns of lesbian survivors, spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. In the first part Ruth Hughes, health program coordinator of Sexual Minority Youth Services at the SF Dept of Public Health, explores the reasons why young lesbian incest survivors are so invisible in the system, and why incidents of incest among young lesbian survivors are both extremely under-reported and unacknowledged. In the 2nd part Vindunza (Jamie) Baldino discusses the occurence of physical and verbal and emotional abuse within lesbian relationships (statistically battery occurs in 1 out of 4 lesbian couples). Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5222.

"The Biology of Aging," a talk by Leonard Hayflick, PhD, UCSF professor of anatomy and author of *Biology of Aging*. Part of UCSF's Brown Bag Lecture series. Noon-1 pm, free. UCSF Health Sciences West Bldg, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room 300. Info: 476-4394.

31 THURSDAY

Aikido Morning Class—see 1/3.

Vocals & Guitar Class for singers who play and players who sing, taught by songwriter/performer Judith Kate Friedman at 5th String, 5957 Geary Blvd at 24th Ave, SF. Info/res: 668-9221 or 668-8282. Class meets 6 alternating Thursday eves beginning tonight.

Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: Classical nude modeling. Drop-in male figure drawing class for all skill levels. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 621-6294.

Power & Control in Relationships is the topic at tonight's Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group mtg, 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Info: Marilyn 969-1260. All women welcome!

Women of Gold film screening: This 30-min documentary video produced & directed by Eileen Lee & Marilyn Abbink focuses on the Asian/Pacifica women who participated in Celebration '90 Gay Games III & Cultural Festival. The women interviewed (Ana Chang, Abi Jeung, Jill Togawa, Kitty Tsui) reveal their personal experiences surrounding issues of family & societal pressure, negative Asian stereotypes & invisibility in the predominantly white lesbian/gay community. 7:30 pm. Co-spons by Old Wives Tales Bookstore. For tix, location & other info call 664-4680 or 864-1635.

Gwen Avery in Concert at Josie's Cabaret—fine night of blues, soul, r&b and gospel, don't miss! 8 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show in Mountain View—see 1/3.

ON STAGE

The Mystery of Irma Vep by Charles Ludlam. A lunacy-filled mystery of vampires, werewolves, mummies & gender-bending fun, in the style of a British penny dreadful. Eureka Theatre Co production. Runs 1/19-2/17; Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Previews 1/15-18 at 8 pm. 2730 16th St at Harrison, SF. Tix $15 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $17 Fri, $19 Sat. Previews $13, opening night $21. Info/res: 558-9898.

The Mummery by Da Kalki, with original music by John MacKay. A liturgical drama depicting the process of enlightenment. Free Daist Sacred Theatre Guild production. Opens 1/11, runs Fri-Sat at 7 pm, Sun at 2 pm (no performance 1/13) thru 1/13. The Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix: $14 Sun, $16 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 552-3656.

Danube and **Successful Life of Three** two one-act plays by Maria Irene Fornes. The first describes the rise of fascism in Hungary, a grimly funny story set in the period before WWII. The second is a high-spirited absurdist work done in 1965, which depicts two men & woman who find it difficult to leave home. A Theatre Theatre production. Previews 1/3, opens 1/4 & 5, runs Thurs-Sun 1/10-26 at 8:30 pm (no show 1/27). Potrero Hill Theater, 953 DeHaro St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 474-9436.

Bert Sees The Light a sardonic account of Bertolt Brecht's Hollywood sojourn during his Nazi-era exile, conceived & directed by R.A. White. Intersection for the Arts production. Opens 1/9, runs Thurs-Sun thru 1/28. 8 pm. Tix $8 Thurs & Sun, $10 Fri & Sat. 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf by Edward Albee. Searing American classic depicting marital savagery. Berkeley Repertory Theatre production. Runs 1/9-2/21. For tix & other info call 845-4700. 2025 Addison St, Berkeley.

Sex, Drugs & Apple Pie created & performed by Dorothy Anton. An exploration of contemporary controversial issues. Fellowship Theatre Guild production. Opens 1/28, runs Fri & Sat eve at 8 pm thru 3/6. 2041 Larkin St btwn Broadway & Vallejo, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 346-1990.

East by Steven Berkoff. Lyrical, sexually charged play, a penetrating vision of working class London life. Opens 1/8, Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 2/3. Magic Theatre production. Magic Theatre Southside, Ft Mason Bldg D, SF. Tix $20 Sat, $19 Fri, $17 Wed, Thurs & Sun. $11 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 441-8001.

Not for Real *and* **Ned**: Leonard Pitt is five weeks of comic virtuosity, precision movement & captivating mystery at Life On The Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. The first show runs 1/9-20, the second 1/23-2/10. Tix $10 & $12 for both shows. Info/res: 776-8999.

The Hot I Baltimore by Lanford Wilson. Pulitzer Prize winning drama about a group of unwanted people who find courage & hope amid inner-city despair. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri & Sat, 1/18-2/9. 8 pm. Tix $10. Miz Brown's Restaurant Theatre, 2565 Mission St at 21st, SF. Info/res: 921-2769.

GALLERIES



"Sailor" by Kevin Scorgie on exhibit with other artists' work this month at Art Lick gallery.

Asian Art Museum: "Women: Auspicious & Divine, Images of Southeast Asia & India", over 30 sculptures, on exhibit thru 3/3. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm, and until 8:45 pm every 1st Wed of the month. Admission free on 1st Wednesdays & 1st Saturday mornings. Reg admission: $4 gen'l, $2 srs & youth ages 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 751-2500.

Jewish Community Museum: "Illuminations," exhibit features works by contemporary artists who either continue the tradition of "illuminators" or whose abstract conceptions begin with the Hebrew letter. Works exhibited in conjunction with examples of historical manuscripts which explore the ongoing history & importance of written works in Jewish tradition. Works by French artist Dominique Fajnzang & American artist Martha Casenave comprise major portion of exhibit. Thru 1/20/91. 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: Sun & Tues-Fri, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Sat & Mon. Admission free. Info: 543-8880.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Name is Familiar: An Historical Portrait of Bay Area Jewry, 1849-1950" Bay Area Jewish business, political, religious & cultural communities are profiled in 25 portraits & important archival documents, on exhibit thru 2/24. "Fritz Hirschberger: Sur-Rational Paintings", large oils on canvas depicting the Holocaust's inhumanities, thru 2/24. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: "Alma Lavenson: Photographs" thru 2/17. "Ansel Adams, the American Wilderness" thru 3/7. "In Our Time: The World As Seen By Magnum Photographers," 1/16--4/17. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts. Kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: "Nuclear Matters," exhibit of work by photographers & artists: Berlyn Brixner, Carole Conde & Karl Beveridge, Robert Del Tredici, Carole Gallagher, Peter Goin, David Graham, James Lerager, Yoshito Matsushige, Richard Misrach, Meridel Rubenstein, Steina & Woody Vasulka & Ellen Zweig, Margaret Stratton. 1/31-3/9. Opening reception 2/1, 6-9 pm. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001.

Hatley Martin Gallery: "Creation Myths for an Age of Despair" mixed media paintings by Dean Dresser. Exhibit runs thru 1/12. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015.

Cartoon Art Museum: "The Art of Fantasia" exhibit of over 100 pieces of original art, posters & artifacts from the celebrated Disney movie. Thru 1/26. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-3922, 546-9481.

At NewLangton Arts: a site-specific installation by Bay Area artist Mie Preckler, 1/19. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF.

Robert Dana Gallery: Group show of the gallery painters. Works by Sarena Rosenfeld, Patricia Torres, Dmitrii Strizhov, Franco Azzinari, Patricia Sannit and Armando Amaya. 1/3-28. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm Mon & Thurs-Sat; noon-6 pm Sun. Tues & Wed by appt only. Info: 749-1849.

At Vorpal Gallery: "New Acquisitions/New Works" by various artists: Ensor, Hamaguchi, Manet, Modigliani, Picasso, Rembrand/Biernacki, Brzezinski, Chdosko, Chu, Douglas, Engles, Hendrickson, Kalman, Lash, Masteller, Matsumoto, Ochocki, Robirosa, Slusky, Tinsley, Wurm. 1/10-2/28. Opening reception 1/17, 6-8 pm. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

At The Lab Gallery: Installation by Mark A Brest van Kempen. 1/9-2/16. Opening reception 1/9, 5:30-7:30 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. 1805 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

At SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Ogzobo: An Igbo Maskmaker of Nigeria," An extensive body of work by one African artist—the carver Ogbozo was a member of the Igbo people & worked in the middle of the 20th century in southeastern Nigeria. He produced an entire corpus of masks used in traditional masquerades, more than 100 variations, each representing specific charaeters in the festive annual village celebrations. 1/5-2/24. "Mythical Figures & Fantastic Facades," paper facades by Nance O'Bannion and laminated cardboard sculpturesof mythical creatures by Peter Winter. 1/5-2/24. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

At Vision Gallery: Retrospective of black & white photographs by Ralph Gibson; plus photographs by Ruffin Cooper. 1/24-3/9, opening reception 1/25, 6-9 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF.

Hot Rocks: Male nudes & explicit views—mixed media works exploring the male physique & gay sexuality, by Ruben Joy. Opens 1/9 at My Place Saloon, 1225 Folsom St, SF. Opening reception 1/9, 6-8 pm.

Mark I Chester: selection of hot, male, sensual, erotic leather black & white fine art photos at Stormy Leather, 1158 Howard St, SF. Thru end of January.

Paintings on Silk by Steve Newberger at Quan Yin Healing Arts Center. Part of an ongoing exhibition series & slide registry of artists challenged by AIDS, spons by Community Spirit Art Program. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Thru 1/17.

"Rink at the Rose: Photodocuments of the Valencia Rose, 1981-85". 28 photos by Rink of the many sparkling personalities who graced the Valencia Rose stage (Tom Ammiano, Marga Gomez, Pat Bond, Whoopi Goldberg, Jesse Jackson, and others). Thru January at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

"Six", a group exhibition featuring new works by Jerome Caja, Steve Connett, Anita Eliot, Kevin Scorgie, Jayne Shor & Greg Wulf. On exhibit thru 1/14 at Art Lick Gallery, 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.

"Fairytale Characters or Anxiety Made Easy", pen & ink works by Rise A Mezo at Mimosa Cafe, 462 Santa Clara Ave, Oakland. Info: 465-2948.

On Exhibit at the DeYoung: "Anatolian Kilims: the Caroline & H McCoy Jones Collection", thru 1/20. "Ancient Color & Geometry"—very early Turkish carpets of the Christopher Alexander Collection, thru 2/17. "Central Asian Embroideries & Ikats" from the Caroline & H. McCoy Jones Collection, thru 2/3; "The Fustat Carpet", thru 2/3; "Viewpoints XIII: Ivory, An Ancient Symbol of Excellence", thru 1/6; "Musicians & Shamans: Ancient West Mexican Figures" from the Land Collection, thru 1/20; Willem de Kooning's "Labyrinth" thru Spring '91. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm (open till 8:45 pm first Wed of each month, free admission). Fee: $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Parking & assisted access available. Call 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl. Info: 420-8864.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-1 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC. SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Gay Male Drop-In Group: for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns. Tues 7-9 pm at Operation Concern/Operation Recovery. Intake appt: 626-7000.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 252-1902.

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

The AIDS Screening Clinic at District Health Ctr #2, 1301 Pine St nr Ellis, SF. Call for appt: 621-4858.

ARC Drop-In Group for people with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Health Ctr #1, 3850 17th St btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Room 201. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men & women testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay 420-8181.

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends. For info on drop-in groups call Marsha Blachman, LCSW 596-6305; for info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW 596-6344, for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Service Thru Touch offers massage for PWAs who are hospitalized, or live in Shanti residences or Coming Home Hospice. Massage referral for PWAs also available, at very low SL fee. Info: 664-6904 Tues, Wed & Fri, 12:30-3:30 pm.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A doctor's report of a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is all that is necesssary to receive service. Info: 558-0600.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families, friends & loved ones. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek. PWA & HIV-impacted support groups, outreach & education. For info or to volunteer: 932-2437.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info; AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

The Ctr for Attitudinal Healing supplements traditional health care by providing an environment in which both adults & children may actively participate in healing of life-threatening illnesses. Free support groups are offered to people with AIDS & ARC, to their families & friends, & to the "worried well." Pre-reg required. Info: 435-5022.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 574-6978.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Contra Costa County AIDS Interfaith Network. Info: 827-2960.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers treatment for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ using traditional Chinese herbs selected for anti-viral & immune enhancing properties. Program is directed by Michael Young & Louis Coll and run in cooperation with UCSF & the Institute for Traditional Medicine. Also offers work exchange program, free monthly acupuncture sessions & quarterly research reports. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: 834-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay 834-8181.

Project Inform: for info on experimental drug treatment call the hotline: 558-9051 (local), (800) 334-7422 (statewide), (800) 822-7422 out of state. Office: 558-8669. Group publishes newsletter. Archives open to the public by appt.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV+. Info: Pacific Ctr 841-6224.

Hayward HIV+ & AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups

YOUTH RAP GROUPS

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The Women's Building
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7 - 9:00 pm
Call Beth for details, 531-4612

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HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin 273-7331.

HIV + Lesbians Support Group: spons by Iris Project. Call 864-2364 for info.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Caregivers Call-In: for health professionals & volunteers. Provides free telephone consulting on personal issues related to taking care of people with AIDS. Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Call 882-2411. Spons by the CareGivers Project.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: David Hoefer, LCSW or Bettye Travis 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: offers free simple wills & powers of attorney for people with AIDS or ARC, & other AIDS related legal services; including Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic. 114 Sansome St, Ste 1103, SF 94104. Info: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

PWA/PWARC Switchboard: staffed by people with AIDS & ARC. Please call if you're in need of advice, looking for info, confused & anxious or depressed. We want to help. Staffed Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm. At other times leave message. Info: 861-7309.

AIDS Support Group for people with AIDS, spons by St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF. Free. Info: Kevin Rist, MD 750-5815 or Daniel Ostrow 750-5733.

AIDS Mastery Workshops: empowering, healing, supportive, and loving weekends for those affected either physically or emotionally by HIV. For more information, call Scott Eaton at 648-6365.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, "buddies", spiritual gatherings, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

Asian AIDS Project offers info & education to individuals & groups in SF. Information can be given in English, Cantonese, Mandarin & Vietnamese. 300 4th St, (corner of Folsom & 4th), Ste 401, SF. Info: Lori Lee 227-0946.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: Kiki Ching, LCSW 558-2507.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

AIDS Information BBS: (415) 626-1246 24 hours. 2400/1200/300 baud. Sysop Ben Gardiner. Free, all welcome. Statistics from Atlanta & SF displayed, updated regularly. Sample Q & A about AIDS, based on clinic & phone exchange experience. Mail send/receive on AIDS only. Library of hard-to-find & out-of-print matter here for downloading from screen. Uploads by appt on another line. Voice phone: 626-1245. Calls to this BBS never disturb anyone.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11 am-4 pm on Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

Move on AIDS trains caregivers to protect their own back as they help people with AIDS move effectively in and around their bed. 2½ hr wkshop teaches body mechanics, transfer skills, exercises to teach PWA/PWARCs. Info: 648-4045.

SF Healing Circle: supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Meets Thurs eves, 7:30-10 pm at SF Dance Theatre, 60 Brady St, SF (btwn 12th & Valencia, across from Zuni Cafe). Info: Gregg 863-2334.

Food for Thought. AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

AIDS Healing Wkshop: well-established, free wkly discussion group built around the question, "What have you been doing for yourself that represents healing for you?" Focus on healing methods, techniques & alternatives. Open to anyone dealing with the AIDS virus. Thurs nights, 7-9 pm in USF campus ministry lounge, Golden Gate Ave btwn Masonic Parker, SF. Facilitated by Glenna Morea & Richard McCormack. Info: 567-7126.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

We've Now Got The Time: group for bright, gregarious, humorous guys with HIV who are "early retired" andnow have time to meet other nice guys for walks in the park, museum trips, concerts, lunch, etc. For info call 564-6112.

HIV + *Social Group* meets every 3rd Sat of the month. Diamond Heights condo, SF. 7-10 pm. Info: 824-3370.

AIDS/ARC/HIV + Social Group for men. Meets Wed 6-9 pm in the Castro area. Info: Michael Smith 550-1957.

Postives Being Positive: peer support group for people who have tested positive to HIV. Ongoing, wkly mtgs in private homes. Spons by the AIDS Health Project. No fee. Info: 476-3902.

POW (Positive Opportunities for Wellness) Support Group for HIV+, ARC or AIDS wonderful people. Thurs 7:30-9:30 pm, free, donations accepted. Spiritual, mental & emotional sharing for self-healing in a friendly environment. Refreshments served. Spons by the Baird Institute. Info/res: Randy Shepard 285-3561.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th ST at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Bisexual & Heterosexual Men's HIV Group meets Wed. Free. Spons by SF AIDS Foundation. Info: Christopher Alexander 864-5855, ext 2511.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Passive Immunotherapy (PATH): AIDS maintenance therapy in which plasma from health HIV+ donors is given to recipients with AIDS/ARC. For info about PATH write the PATH Project, Passive Immunotherapy Foundation, 1748 Market St, SF 94102 or call 626-8455.

Visual AID: Artists for AIDS Relief: call 391-9663 for info. 530 Bush St, Ste 403, SF 94108.

HIV Positive Lesbians: support group spons by the Iris Project. Break thru isolation, learn new skills, get info, discover alternatives. Get assistance in maintaining sobriety. Call 864-2364 for intake appt/info. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Women with HIV Concerns: free, confidential counseling available thru Iris Project. Call Nehoma 864-2364 for an appt/info.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Thurs at 5:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

Grief Support Group for people, family & friends having lost a special person, significant other or life partner to AIDS or related illness. Ongoing, confidential grief support group spons by Vesper Hospice. Mon eves, 7-8:30 pm. 311 MacArthur Ave, San Leandro. Info: Nancy Sobonya 632-4390 (days).

Self-Healing Wkshop: ongoing workshops open to people who are HIV positive & people who have AIDS/ARC. Caregivers, friends & lovers are welcome. Focus on meditative & stress management techniques, with discussion centering around the question, "What have you been doing for yourself that represents healing for you?" Eclectic approach, participants share ideas. Spons by AIDS Health Project. Info: Erik Wheaton 476-3900. Wkshop facilitated by Richard McCormack. Mondays, 7-9 pm, Davies Medical Ctr, SF. In the Gazebo Room.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

PEN American Ctr Grant Fund provides assistance to writers & editors with AIDS: $500-$1000 grants. Writers do not have to be members of PEN, but must be published writers or produced playwrights, or editors. Writers will be asked to submit samples of their works, and editors, a professional curriculum vitae. Applications for grant money are reviewed every 6 weeks, small awards may be available more quickly. For info/application call (212) 334-1660; for donations send to: PEN AIDS Fund, PEN American Ctr, 568 Broadway, NY NY 10012.

Mental Health Grand Rounds spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project as a public service to the AIDS caregivers community. Monthly series educates professionals & others in various psychosocial issues related to the AIDS epidemic & HIV infection. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Info: 476-6430.

Therapists Support Group for those whose major focus is AIDS/HIV. Spons by Jewish Family & Children's Services & Shanti Project. For information call Jody Reiss, LCSW at JFCS, 561-1241 or Gail Winston, MFCC at Shanti Project, 777-2273.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 626-6763.

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay/lesbian community. Info: 347-0473.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Dianic Witch Coven for lesbians working on recovery. Info: write Sami, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119.

Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing & time-limited therapy groups at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/intake appt: 552-7230.

Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA mtgs at San Antonio Community Development District House, 2228 East 15th St, Oakland. Sat 10:30 am. Info or to confirm time/mtg place, call 536-1715.

Alanon for Black Gay & Lesbian ACAs: Thurs 7:30 pm, Bethany United Methodist Church Social Hall, 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper (enter on Clipper, 1st mtg on 5/10). Info: 995-2581.

Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for Children of Color. Thurs 4:30-5:30 pm. Build self-esteem, learn to express feelings in safe environment. SL fee to $5. ACCEPT, 1287 11th Ave at Irving, SF. Info: Mary Jayne 681-2500.

Youth Prevention/Intervention Group for adolescent drug & alcohol abusers: Thurs 6-7:30 pm, free. Family & individual counseling available. Info: ACCEPT 681-2500.

Alanon/ACA Mtg at Rest Stop for people dealing with AIDS/ARC or HIV+. See AIDS Resources or call 621-REST.

Al-Anon for Gay Men and Women meets Tues, 8 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush & Gough Sts, SF. Al-anon is made up of people who have been deeply affected by alcoholism in a family member, lover or friend. Info/list of SF Al-Anon mtgs: 626-5633.

Lesbians & Gay Men Alanon Family Group meets 8 pm in the Library at Cathedral House, California at Taylor, SF. Nonsmoking. Info: 626-5633. Call to confirm mtg place & time.

Adult Children of Alcoholics for Gay Men: Al-Anon Family Group meets Thurs, 8 pm, at MCC, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 626-5633, call to confirm place & time.

ACA Gay/Lesbian 12 Step Mtg: Wed 8 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. For info on this & other ACA mtgs: 931-2262.

Alanon for Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics meets 6:30 pm, Bethany Methodist Church, corner of Clipper & Sanchez, SF. Info: 626-5633. Call to confirm place & time.

The Recovery Project: therapy group for co-dependent gay men meets wkly, 4-month commitment required. $20 fee, SL available. Spons by ODS (Orthodox Diocesan Services). Info: 563-8514.

Our Common Welfare Alanon Mtg: Thurs 6:30-7:45 pm at Dolores St Com-

munity Ctr, 208 Dolores nr 15th, SF. The goal of this mtg, which grew out of the "recovering from my racist attitudes" workshop at the 1990 Living Sober Conference, is to provide a safe place to talk about & explore racial attitudes within the framework of the 12-Step program.

Friday Night Gay Men's Step Study Alanon Family Group Mtg. (open) 8 pm, 217 Church St, SF. Info: Call to confirm place & time 626-5633.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in Recovery from Drug Addiction Group—see Incest & Battery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Overeaters Anonymous gay, lesbian, bisexual mtg (open to all). Sun eves 7-8:30 pm at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Danvers & Caselli, SF.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 821-4642.

Gay Male Drop-in Group for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns, see AIDS Resources. Spons by Operation Concern/Operation Recovery.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Tues eves 7-9 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Marijuana Anonymous. Fri 7:30 pm, MCC-SF. 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 105.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $30. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 558-2444, 558-2226.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Marin Al-Anon for gay men & women: Wed 8:30 pm. Info: 924-3430.

Gay Men with Sexual Compulsive Behavior: wkly group lasting approx 9 months. Focus on concerns relating to sexually compulsive behavior. Mon 5:30-6:30 pm at Operaton Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. For info/intake appt call 626-7000.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: ongoing self-help groups meets Fri eves in SF. Occasional openings available. 12-wk commitment. Info: Jay 239-0585.

Sexual Compulsivity: a group for lesbians. Gain a richer understanding & acceptance of sexual addiction issues. SF location. Info: SJ Kahn 532-8866, Nan Schlosberg 282-9831.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Butch-Fem Anthology: Joan Nestle, co-founder of NY's Lesbian Herstory Archives, seeks submissions for an anthology exploring butch-fem identity & experience. Women who identify as butch or fem are invited to send poems, short stories, biographical moments, analytical comments, essays & photos for possible inclusion. Contemporary voices, as well as those from other generations, are welcome. Cassette recordings accepted. Anthology will be published by Alyson, and contributors will be paid. Info: Joan Nestle, 215 W 92nd St, NY NY 10025. Deadline: 1/91.

1991 Lesbian Fiction Contest spons by Spinsters Book Company. Entries must be submitted between 1/2/91 and 2/28/91. For guidelines & other info write Spinsters Book Company, PO Box 410687, SF CA 94141.

GAWK, a quarterly magazine of the arts, seeks submissions of art & writing relating to the experience of being gay, from all social/cultural/gender perspectives. Info: PO Box 31431 SF, CA 94131, 864-5434

Bay Area Bisexual Network Magazine seeks submissions from bisexuals on such toics as coming out, living with HIV, invisibility, alternative lifestyles, etc. Submissions from people of color, of age, different abilities, especially welcome. Fiction & poetry accepted. Send to: BABN, 2404 California St #24, SF 94115.

Essays Sought for *The Bisexual Feminist: Essays on Feminism & Bisexual Identity* to be published by Seal Press. Write Bi Book, PO Box 30645, Seattle, WA 98103-0645 for info. Deadline: 1/1991.

Stories Wanted for anthology of lesbians healing from loss, by break-up or death of lover. How did you get through it? Intent of book is to help others going thru loss. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, maximum of 15 pages. Send SASE to Anita Pace, 15206 Dickens St #9, Sherman Oaks, CA 94103. Deadline: 1/31.

Women's Videos Wanted: women produced/directed videos sought for upcoming video showcase at La Pena Cultural Ctr in Berkeley. Deadline: 2/6. For more info call 664-4680 or 864-1635.

"Bonehead & Betty. Stories of Butch Recovery, An Anthology". Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissins from lesbians for their current project. Also interested in stories & articles re femme roles & gender fuck. Send submissions to Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366 for more info.

Interviewing Lesbian Couples for book on lesbian marriage. Couples who've had a public ceremony or have chosen not to have a ceremony, or who have performed ceremonies or would like to write a critical piece on the subject of lesbian marriage are invited to contact Suzanne Sherman 267-5606 or 530-7559.

Lenguas Press seeks erotica. Lenguas, a Latina feminist group, welcomes quality articles, stories, poems, & photos on erotica. English, Spanish or Portuguese submissions welcome. Open to all regardless of sexual preference or gender. Please send contributions/queries SASE to PO Box 151455, San Diego CA 92175.

Writers & Visual Artists Sought: A Different Light Bookstore accepting submissions from interested lesbian & feminist artists working in fiction-writing, spoken word performance and/or visual mediums. Send all inquiries (slides, proposals, stories) to the attention of Darrell-Lynn Alvarez, Series Coordinator, 489 Castro St, SF 94114.

Sexual/Erotic Photography: SF gay photographer Mark I Chester seeks outrageous, cutting edge sexual/erotic photography by gay men, lesbians and others, to be exhibited at his Folsom St studio during PhotoScape '91 (10-day citywide photography fest, 5/31-6/9). Drop note with SASE, contact phone number, description of work and non-original samples or xerox. Send to POB 42501, SF 94101 or call 621-6294.

New Langton Arts & the Multicultural Arts Consortium announce their 6th Annual Artists' Project Grants Program for individuals & groups of artists working in interdisciplinary & collaborative art forms. Approx 10 grants totalling $45,000 will be awarded. Artists must live in Northern Calif (from Monterey to Fresno, north). For application forms & guidelines send SASE (legal-sized envelope) to New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF 94103. Deadline: 3/2.

► FUN & GAMES

SF Walking Tours: explore the waterfront by full moon, see the hidden gardens & stairways of Russian Hill, the murals of the Mission & embassies of Pacific Heights—free tours of SF neighborhoods by trained City Guides. For info or to arrange special group tours: 558-3981 Tues-Thurs 10 am-3 pm. Spons by Friends of the SF Public Library.

SF Friends of the Urban Forest Walking Tours: free tours thru 9 SF neighborhoods, designed to bring out relationship between the natural, historical & cultural of an area & its history, land development, architectural features, cultural influences & special events. Info: 543-5000. 512 2nd St, 4th fl, SF.

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

Cruisin' the Castro from a historical perspective. Learn about SF lesbian/gay history from the Gold Rush to present. Led by longtime resident Trevor Hailey. Tour lasts approx 2 hrs. Meet Sundays (except 1st Sun of month) at 12:30 pm at Harvey Milk Plaza, SF. Info: 550-8110.

Free Tours of Golden Gate Park: walking tours with guides from Friends of Recreation & Parks, every wkend thru October. Tours last about 1½ hrs & are given rain or shine. Learn about the history & plant life of Strawberry Hill, Conservatory Valley & the other scenic areas which make Golden Gate Park so unique. Info/res: 221-1311.

► HEALTH

Women's Clinic at District Health Ctr#1 provides medical screening for cancer of the breast, thyroid & cervix, and STDs. Confidential. SL. 3850 17th St, SF. Info: 558-3905.

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 2480 Mission nr 21st St, SF. Info/appt: 641-0220.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Mon 7-9 pm. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in. Support Groups: Drop-in Support Group, 1st & 3rd Wed of month, 6:30-8 pm; for women who have had cancer, facilitated by cancer survivors. Post-Treatment Women's Support Group: Mon; for women who have gone thru the initial crisis & have already completed their prescribed treatment, call to reserve space. Family & Friends of Women with Cancer group—1st & 3rd Thurs, 7:30-9 pm; meet men & women who are providing support to women with cancer. Spouses, lovers, friends, daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, & work colleagues are welcome; please call before coming to group. Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Friends of Lesbians with Cancer—every other Mon, 7:30-9 pm; focus on issues specific to lesbian health & illness. Group for Women with Recurrent Metastatic or ongoing Cancer—Fri; share experience of living with a life-changing illness; call ctr for info. Guided Imagery for Women with Cancer—group meets Sun. Teaches relaxation techniques to reduce fear, create healing visualization, access inner sources of support; call ctr for info. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 548-WCRC, or write POB 11235, Oakl, 94611.

The Wellness Community provides free services to cancer patients & their families in SF & the East Bay. Psychological, emotional, social & educational support. Info: 933-0107 or write PO Box 4250, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

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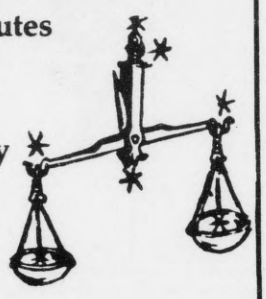


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► HOBBIES

SF Gay Video Club: group of gay men & women who own or use video cameras to produce our own videos. All formats welcome. Twice monthly mtg. Field trips. Free. For info write SF Gay Video Club, PO Box 14414, SF 94114.
Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 221-8518, Gail 665-8346.
Women's Reading Group for Women Over 40. Meet to read feminist novels, poetry, etc. SF location. Info: Eliza 681-0637 eves & wkends.
Heliotrope, Sonoma County Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets to discuss novels. For info/location: Michael (707) 577-0551.
Discussion Group: variety of topics. Meets Sun at 7 pm. Info/location: 626-1468.
Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call Michael (415) 826-2515 or Henrietta (408) 246-1117.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, Bay Area chapter, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning about the hobby & group call Bill 821-2666.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay people interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: 352-0301.
Gay Group Massage: small, informal gathering for giving & receiving massage in a safe, warm, fun setting. All levels welcome. For gay men under 50 years old. Send SASE with name & phone number to George, PO Box 590790, SF 94159.
Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly. Info/location: Larry 647-0637.
Lesbian Cartoonists welcome female fellow twisted souls for support. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 6 pm. Info: JD 835-8388, or Roxxie 733-2149.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Women's Sing-A-Long meets monthly for an eve of musical fun & friendship. For info call Birch 841-6032.

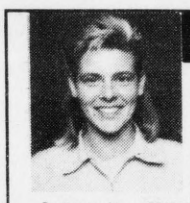
► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information: Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project provides direct services for male victims of domestic violence. 24-hr report hotline. Spons by CUAV. Call 864-7233 for help.
Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Info, referral, peer counseling. Info: 386-GAYS or POB 846, SF 94101.
The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pactic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call 841-6224.
AIDS & ARC Switchboard: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm; 861-7309.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
Marin AIDS Services Network (MASN) 24-hour info line: 457-AIDS.
CareGivers Call-In: free telephone consultation on personal issues related to taking care of people with AIDS. For health professionals & volunteers. Call 882-2411 Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Spons by The CareGivers Project.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 558-4901.
Gay Legal Referral Services for all legal problems. ½ hour consultation, $20. Some low-fee & no-fee referrals available. Info: 621-3900.
Physician/Dental Referrals provided by BAPHR (Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights); free referrals for the lesbian & gay community. Info: 673-3189.
Southbay Gay Hotline: info, referrals, peer counseling. (408)293-4525, (408) 293-AGAY.
Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.
Berkeley Free Clinic offers medical, dental, counseling & housing support services. For info call switchboard 548-2570.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers special clinics: gen'l rights counseling Mon 6:30-8:30 pm in the Haight, 1833 Page, SF. Downtown (660 California St) clinic specializes in evictions, Rent Board procedures & leases; Thurs 5:30-8:30 pm. Info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a fair housing agency in Alameda, offers services to Alameda residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees (contact the Rental Assistance Program, 836-4826 in northern Alameda county, 581-9380 in southern Alameda county), homeseeking program (call 836-4826 countywide).
Options Homeshare: lonely? rent too high, or needs services in exchange for housing? Options Homeshare counselors fulfill housing needs by matching seniors with seniors or younger persons with seniors. Women & men welcome. Spons by Options for Women Over 40. Info: 552-4549.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Dept. of Public Health. Hotline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
California Runaway Hotline provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Spanish/English Employment Services for midlife & older women. Spons by Options for Women Over 40, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 431-6405.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
Gay/Lesbian Speakers Bureau spons by GAYLESTA (Gay/Lesbian Mental Health Therapists of the Bay Area). Offers educational speakers & videotapes. Info: Judy Schavrien 648-1318.
Computer Bulletin Board spons by Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Ministry. Gay/lesbian, church, AIDS & community issues. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. "Breaking Walls, Building Bridges", 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 264 Valencia, SF. Info: 864-2364.
Incest Survivors Anonymous: We are no longer alone, we have each other. Incest Survivors Anonymous is a 12-step program that enables incest survivors to break out of the victim role & the nightmare of terror, guilt & confusion. Closed mtg for survivors & pro-survivors. Original perpetrators of incest or rape or victims who later became initiators do not attend ISA mtgs. Initiation is determined by intent. Mtgs for women & men: Sun 7-8:30 pm; Mon, Tues & Thurs 7:30-9 pm. For women: Wed 7:30 pm, Sat at 11 am. For locations & other info call 359-2070 anytime.
Lesbian Incest Survivors in recovery from drug addiction. Group offered by Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Drug Detox Project. Call Holly Gold, MSW or Pam Kirby 565-1908. Free.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF. 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Counseling for Battered Gay Men: Is the hand that holds you in public the hand that strikes you in private? CUAV (Community United Against Violence) offers free individual counseling & support groups for you. Call 864-3112, or 864-7233 (24-hr hotline). Call us, we can help.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc., 864-4722.
Battered Lesbians Drop-In Group: spons by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

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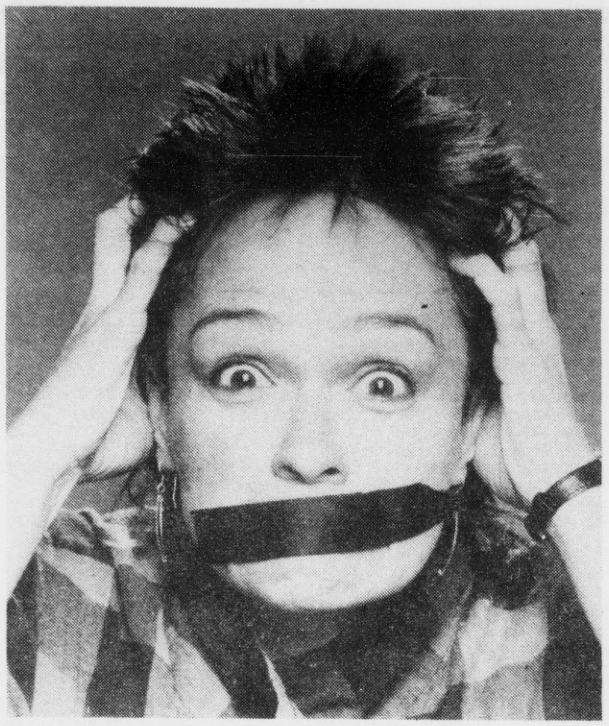


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► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay Fathers/SF Bay Area a support group for gay men of all ages dealing with issues of parenting. Monthly supper mtgs with discussion, plus social events & outings with kids. Info: 759-5122. Newcomers welcome!

A Different Breed: social group for families with dual, single or multiple parents who identify outside the mainstream (biseuxal, lesbian, gay, transsexual, etc) meets monthly. Info: Susan 524-0574.

Expanded Family Network supports committed, loving, multi-partner relationships, with possibilities for shared child-rearing & combined economic support. Resource center, discussion, support & networking in a safe, friendly environment for women & men of all sexual preferences. Montly potlucks, weekly social events. NOT a swinger's organization, therapy group or dating club. Info: 995-2607.

Single Lesbians Parenting Group a social group for single lesbians who are considering, planning or actively parenting. Info: write 2370 Market ST#119, SF 94114 or call 641-5324, 3-10 pm, M-F, 10 am-10 pm Sat & Sun.

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke 893-1953, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Lesbian Mothers of Teenage & Adult Children group: call 626-7109 for info.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Parents Park Hop & Doo Wop social group for mid-Peninsula SF gay & lesbian parents of the 2 & under crowd. Monthly outings, babysitting exchange, musical adventures, treasure hunts, etc. Info: 598-9265.

Lesbian Parent Group meets Mon eves at 7 pm. All types of lesbian parents are welcome to join this small, informal group. For location & other info: 861-0545.

Lesbian Parent Group for lesbians whose children are of speaking/school age. Socialize, get support, exchange childcare, parenting ideas. Info: 861-9822.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 251-8766, events hotline (408) 293-4525.

Lesbian Non-custodial Mothers Group: write Cricket, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119 for info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research 935-6622.

Chain of Life feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to J Baer, Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883 or 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," & "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," groups. Call Lyon-Martin 641-0220 for info.

East Bay Lesbian Parents support/social group. Call Toni 652-8183 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamater, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Parent Counseling: Free. Informal. Both large & small questions welcome. Instructor/counselor with 20 years experience in parent education & child development. Wed 7:30-9 pm. Castro Valencia Ctr. Info/appt: Jan Baer 239-3660 (days).

Perinatal Project for drug abusing pregnant women & mothers. Get help with crack & cocaine addiction. Women helping women stay sober; spons by the Women's Institute for Mental Health. For info call 864-2364 or drop in at orientation, Mon-Thurs at 3 pm. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

The AIDS Family Project offers ongoing group for teenagers (14-19) who have HIV-infected family members. Info: Stacey Shuster, PhD at Operation Concern 626-7000.

Lesbian Mothers/Persian Gulf Crisis. Lesbian mothers of sons or daughters serving in the armed services in the Persian Gulf get together for support & talk. Gay fathers also welcome. Info: 239-5692.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Fri at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Thom Bean, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Men of All Colors Together, Greater Bay Area: gay interracial organization that supports all relationships & cultural uniqueness. Social, political & cultural awareness programs & events. Info: Lee 261-7922.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color, focus group of Queer Nation. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Interracial Relationship Social Mixers/Wkshops: hosted by BWMT/Bay Area. Monthly, 7-10 pm, $5 donation. Facilitated small group discussions, followed by social period. Anyone interested in exploring an interracial relationship is welcome. Info: 641-5706.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber, 548-8283.

Black Lesbian Support Group for Black lesbians in multicultural relationships. Meets 1st Sun of each month. Oakland location/accessible. Info: 839-3302 or 653-5732.

Multicultural Lesbian Writers Group: call 995-2730 for details.

Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Japanese Lesbian Group: Nihongo o Bokokugo to suru Lesbian no Group. Maitsuki Daini Nichiyobi Meeting. Ari. Denwa (Yoru) 563-8253.

CASA Community Alternative Social Assoc. A social & community service organization for gay Latinos & friends. Info: 695-0644 or write PO Box 590276, SF 94159-0276.

Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization; holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sun of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group for info call 482-5920 or write 370 Turk St #36, SF 94103.

Asian Pacific Sisters an organization of Asian Pacific lesbians & bisexual women. APS provides its members with an atmosphere where they can openly share their experience. APS includes women of various Asian heritage, including Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese & others; and sponsors picnics, potluck dinners, softball games & over events. For upcoming business/social events call 750-3385. All Asian/Pacific lesbian & bisexual women are welcome!

Vietnamese Lesbian & Gay Support Group: safe, supportive environment for lesbian & gay men to talk & share experiences in Vietnamese. Discussion topics include: coming out to Vietnamese family & friends, relationships, health & safe sex practices; racial, gender & sexual stereotypes. Addt'l topics chosen at mtgs. Confidentiality respected. Group meets every 3rd Sun in SF, 3-5 pm, every first Sun in San Jose, 3-5 pm. Info: Dung Nguyen (women) or Tony Nguyen (men) at 771-7256, 7-9 pm Mon-Fri or write: Vietnamese L/G Support Group, c/o Asian Pacific Alliance, PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr, Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF, 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: Donald Masuda 387-0466.

Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual & Korean? Come to monthly, informal get-togethers. Conducted primarily in English, with some bilingual participants. Info: Lori 563-8689.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA/ACA mtgs in the EB & SF—see Addiction Recovery.

Black Gays & Lesbians ACA Group: see Addiction Recovery.

Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.

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Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460626, SF 94114.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Bay Area Raw Rahs, a collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group, performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades and festivals. Practices held Sundays for two hours. No experience necessary to become a member. Call Steve Burke 228-7497 for info.
Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: 848-5966.
Wry Crips/Disabled Women's Theater Arts. Created & managed by women who have physical, emotional, developmental, multiple & hidden disabilities/chronic illness. Submission of poetry, prose & stories about women living with disability/chronic illness, and those who love them, is accepted on an ongoing basis. Women of color of all ages are especially welcome. Performers, production people & care assistants or board members are welcome. Info/details: 601-5819, or write PO Box 21474, Oakl 94620.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & May. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Nan Washburn, artistic director & associate conductor of BAWP. Info: 543-2297.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Band: performs music from classical to swing, marching to showtunes, full band to duets; at various community events, private parties, etc. Info: 558-9693 or write: BAGAL Band, PO Box 280571, SF 94128-0571.
SF Band Foundation spons City Swing, Vocal Minority, SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, Flag Corps, Twirling Corps, SF Tap Troupe & Outlook Video. Most groups meet at Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble rehearses Tues 7:30-10 pm, in SF. Women who read music, especially women of color, are encouraged to audition. For info call 773-9181. Group is available for performances.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsals: Thurs 7:30-10 pm nr Church/Market in SF. For details call Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write 2261 Market St#459, SF 94114.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.



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A reading & performance Jan 8 benefits "Frighten the Horses," that fine anarchist mag.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; 655-7404.
Ragtime Music Society: club dedicated to promoting ragtime music & friendship among those who appreciate it. Info: Bill Pike 552-4270.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit providing legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: Direct action group of queers fighting for our queer rights *now*. Open to all sexual orientations & gender identities. Meets Wed, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Guerrero, SF. For info on mtgs, emergency activations & future actions call 985-7141.
LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action)—focus group of Queer Nation. Lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Info: Rachel 626-9493, 985-7141.
United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color, a focus group of Queer Nation. See People of Color listings for more info.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For mtg time/location & for upcoming actions, call 464-3072.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call 647-7019.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 2370 Market St, Box 38, SF 94114. Gen'l membership mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.
Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI), an activist & educational group fighting for lesbian & gay liberation. Primary area of work is against US involvement in El Salvador, Nicarauga & Central America, as well as solidarity work with lesbian & gay liberation groups in Latin America. For more info/mtg schedule call 821-9087 or 346-0647.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Radical Multicultural Feminist Bisexual Network: political action/discussion group. WA, SIGN available. Info: Pata 567-6883.
Bisexual Feminist Men's Group: Bi men addressing feminism in their lives thru political action/discussion/theater. Paul 731-7648.
Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Alice B Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club meets every 2nd Mon of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-3296.
Lesbian Separatist Discussion Group: tired of felling like you're the only lesbian separatist in town? This group's for you! Group meets every 3 wks, lesbian seps only. For info/location: 824-0456.
Feminist Lesbians inspired by Sonia Johnson, creating community beyond patriarchy. Info: Chris 261-9053, Tanya 381-5680.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Weekly Vigil to protest the ever-present violence towards women. Every Tues, noon-1 pm. Gather SE corner of Stockton & Geary, SF. Wear black and purple. Info: Laura 626-7821 (SF), Ruth 644-0480 (EB), or just show up.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) meets 3rd Thurs of each month, 7:30 pm, 655 14th St, SF. To confirm location & for other call Barbara 285-5078.
Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Peninsula Business & Professional Association: gay/lesbian group meets 4th Tues of the month at Mercury Savings & Loan Community Room, 99 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (across from Stanford Park Hotel, north of Stanford Shopping Ctr). 7-8 pm get acquainted hour, 8-9 pm program, 9-10 pm social.
Southbay BANGLE meets every 2nd Wed. of month, 7-9 pm at De Frank Community Ctr in San Jose. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
GAYLESTA, organization of gay, lesbian & bisxual psychotherapists. Professional networking, internal & external education, and social events. Info: Don 339-8077.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm, SF location. Info: 695-9174.
Differently-Employed Women: network for women dedicated to creating sane, joyful & abundant livelihood. For newsletter, mtg schedule or other info call Tori Bogart 750-0946 or Susan Summerfield 648-2908.
Gay & Lesbian Planners Assoc: professional organization for lesbian & gay planners & allied professionals. Provides opportunity for networking & socializing in an informal setting. Info: 626-5750.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: PO Box 528, SF 94101 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
The Golden Gate Connection: a social club for chubbies & chasers. Ongoing activities, monthly parties, newsletter & more. Info 871-7870 or write GGC, PO Box 2328, Daly City, 94017.
Feminist Lesbian Social Group (FLSG) meets once monthly in the S. Bay for a potluck. Open to all women who want to make new contacts & renew old ones. Info: FLSG, POB 70933, Sunnyvale 94086.
Grupo Sociocultural Hispano, gay & lesbian. El grupo se reune los viernes o sabados segunados del mes, haiga comida o bevidos. Se espera que todos habla Espanol, principiantes bien venidos. Informacion Armando 641-1868.
Der Deutsche Freundschatkreis hat seinen naechsten Potluckparty am dritten Freitag dieses Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse daran haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Rufe Don unter 329-1438 an. Bis bald!
La Geja Esperantisa Rondo de San Francisco kunvenas la 3an vendredon de chiu monato. Kaj komencantoj kaj fluaj parolantoj estas bonvenaj. Telefonu al Earl, 621-6082 por li detala informo pri loko kaj horo.
Russian Group: serious Ruscophiles with a sense of humor & a sincere desire to speak Russian. Novice to native speakers welcome. 3rd Sun of each month, call 647-3325 for time/location.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $15. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Stanford Lesbian & Gay Alumni: group for Bay Area Stanford alumni. Theater, outings, parties & other activities. Come join us! For info write SLAG, PO Box 460632, SF 94146-0632 call Dick 648-5836.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
BiFriendly East Bay (BFEB): meet regularly for social activities. Open to all, whether or not they consider themselves to be bisexual. Call Bill 540-0869 for activities list.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed 6:30-8:30 pm in Berkeley (ASUC Bldg, Douglas Fir Room). All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info: Mark 549-2238 or Betsy 845-7441.
BiFriendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz 857-1044.
BiFriendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Lavendar Hill Mob: a social club for married men, bisexuals & masculine gay guys. Info: 369-1610 or write David, PO Box 610055, Redwood City, CA 94061.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX): an organization for gay men, offering social, athletic, philantrophic, cultural & travel activities. Info: Tim Bause, MAX, 564 Mission St, SF, Ste 127, 94105.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of every month in Yountville. Come socialize, meet new friends, network, check bulletin board. Info: Cassandra (707) 944-8081.
Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly event. Casual social & movie-watching. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, unidentified or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. For info/location: 531-3943.
Berkeley Flats Lesbians: come to potluck brunch, meet your neighbors! South Berkeley location. Info: Leslie 420-0525.
North Oakland Lesbians: potlucks, networking, etc. Info: 655-1408, 655-2837.
Alameda Neighborhood Lesbians Group: meet other women who live in Alameda, for movies, biking, walks, get-togethers, etc. Come find out who your neighbors are! Info: 865-7811.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: 832-5609.
Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.
CASA (Commujnity Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.
Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.
Left Brain Lesbians: a social club for the shamelessly inquisitive. Contact Susan 334-1828 for info.
Brainy-Artsy Gals: for relationship-oriented single women in the arts or interested in the arts, and looking for like-minded friends. Parties/events. Call 824-4401.
Momcats Social Group for folks who are the parents of one or more furry felines. Share the joys & concerns unique to having an intimate relationship with a cat. Info: 992-3383.
Dog Lovers Group for folks interested in walking our dogs together, pooch picnics, dog play sessions, or other fun activities with our pets. Eastbay location. Small dogs welcome. Info: 486-0615.
Theatre Women: group goes on monthly theatre trip. Performance decided upon by group. Women interested in the theater are welcome. Info: Shannon 588-1850.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
SF Social Group for Women interested in meeting other lesbians with various interests. Group meets for socials, potlucks, movies, weekend outings, etc. Singles & couples welcome. Info: Alicia 681-5815.
Lesbians Welcoming Women to SF: join group for food & fun on the 3rd Thurs of each month at Artemis Cafe, 23rd & Valencia, SF, at 7:30 pm.
Jewish Lesbian Social/Cultural Group meets in SF, call Laura 864-1635 for info.
Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Jews Group: call Laurie 365-6039 for details.
Now We've Got The Time: social group for gay men with HIV, see AIDS Resources for info.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am, 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Beit Shekhinah Congregation: inspired by the feminine principle & Jewish sacred art. Creative, egalitarian Judaism. Meets in the Eastbay at Hillside Church, El Cerrito. For info: Rabbi Leah Novick 451-6437.
Jewish Lesbians & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, EB location. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 653-8745, 531-5465.
Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moon to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, 420-1454, for info on current & upcoming events.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 8:30 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am, 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednes-days, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 1 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: 465-8652.
Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 11 am. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. Acceptance gay support group meets Tues, every two weeks. 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: 861-1434.
Dignity/SF: Gay & Lesbian Catholics, friends & families celebrate the Eucharist. Dignity's here for good! Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Sun 5:30 pm. Info: 255-9244.
Dignity/East Bay: a faith community of lesbian & gay Catholics, our families & friends. For times & locations call 995-2535. Also raps, social events.
Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns-SF: a supportive community of gay & non-gay Presbyterians who worship together. 5 pm 2nd Sun of month at (starting Jan) Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St nr 24th, SF. Also "Claiming Our Bible" study group, every 3rd Mon in Oakl; plus social activities & retreats. PL/GC works to educate & transform the church into a more loving & inclusive place. Info: Dick 338-7396, 268-9534 or Susan 282-3842.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's

groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:30 & 7 pm, 48 Belcher St, SF. Info: 626-6300.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. AIDS Chaplaincy Team available. Pastor: Rev Jodi G. Safier. Info: 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: 827-2960.

MCC of the Redwoods in Marin. 6 pm Sun worship service. Rev Coni Staff, pastor. 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939. Info: 927-2018.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Charistmatic Fellowship support group for gay/lesbian charismatics/pentecostals in SF. Bible Study Fri 7:30 pm. For those tired of "straight" churches that reject because of sexual orientation & "gay" churches that deny the power & gifts of the Holy Spirit. Info: Rev Michael Arbuckle 921-3207.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Carlos meets 5 pm at Community United Church of Christ, 1336 Arroyo St, San Carlos. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians & non-gay people. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Hartford Street Zen Ctr, Zen Buddhist Meditation group in the Castro. Zazen daily, 6 am & 6 pm, Mon-Fri. Lecture 10 am Sundays. 57 Hartford St. Info: 863-2507.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends celebrate & join in wkly fellowship. 5:30 pm Sun at St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is an inclusive community involved with & in the Episcopal Church, with an outreach to the community thru an active AIDS ministry & special programs oriented toward the spiritual growth of gay/lesbian Christians. Info: 553-5270.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage: is an Episcopal ministry called to advocate justice for lesbian/gay people, and to witness to the Godliness of gay/lesbian love. Central location at 555A Castro St. Mtg space available for rent to 12-Step groups, AIDS support groups, advocacy groups & others. Info: 552-2909.

Religous Society of Friends (Quakers) Mtg for Worship: Sun, 11 am at 2160 Lake St at 23rd, SF. Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns holds monthly potluck, discussion & worship on the 4th Sun of every month, all are welcome. Info: Mary McCurry 738-2571.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008

Eastern Orthodox Holy Ascension Mission: divine liturgy Sun 10 am; vigil Sat 6:30 pm. Counseling, sick calls, funerals available. Monthly healing service. Chapel at 1671 Golden Gate #2, SF. Info: 563-8514.

Radical Faeries: an eclectic group of gay male witches, wizards, shamans, gypsies, sissies, hippies, Deadheads, pagans, anarchists, magicians, astrologers, you name it; who all share a common love for Mother Earth & celebrate gay male mysteries. Wkly Faerie circles meet Thurs eves at 8 pm, bring instruments & energy! 24-hr info line (Tele-Faerie): SF—(415) 626-3369, Santa Cruz—(408) 427-4545.

Peace United Church of Christ: friendly, inclusive, liberal Protestant church. Creative, shared leadership. Open to all. Sun 5 pm, 777 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Info: 834-8135. Also discussion, movie & service groups.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

Tayu Fellowship: a Fourth Way spiritual school. Sponsors study group—1st & 3rd Wed of month, 7:30 pm, 2524 Highgate Dr, Richmond, drop-in intro class includes yoga, relational meditation, etc. Also Tayu Yoga & Meditation on Sundays in Sebastopol. For info/directions call (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

Christian Scientists Sunday Meeting Group: bible lesson meeting & fellowship at 1:30 pm, third Sun of each month at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. All welcome. Info: 928-2758.

Concord Spirituality Group: rap/social for lesbians & gays exploring issues of spirituality, relationships & sexuality. Alternate Wed mtgs, 7-8 pm. Info: Infinity Store 827-4345.

California Miracles Ctr: dedicated to the study of "A Course in Miracles." Sun morning service at 11:00 am (all welcome). Principles of Healing Study Group: Sun at 9:30 am (all welcome). 2269 Market St at 16th, SF. "A Course in Miracles" Wed eve lecture, meditation & discussion at 7:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin & Geary. Info: 621-2556.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science. Sun, 5 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St, SF. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Tues & Thurs, 10 am-5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-8460.

White Light Ministries, a metaphysical, interfaith spiritual organization, meets for Sunday celebrations the first 3 Sundays of each month at 11 am at the Oakland Jewish Community Ctr auditorium, 3245 Sheffield Ave, Oakl; in an atmosphere of love & unconditional acceptance. Barrier-free acess for the differently-abled. Info: 521-1485.

Lesbian Christian Group with female-oriented outlook. Alternative worship service in Oakland. Small, informal group meets to praise Her together. Info/location: 532-3432.

► SPORTS

SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Thurs at 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 10 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.

Eastbay Frontrunner's Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 190973, SF 94119-0973 or call 285-1260 eves.

Wilderness Women offer monthly excursions for women. Day hikes & longer trips. Info: Wilderness Women, 5329 Manila Ave, Oakland CA 94618.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

HiMA!: Homosexuals in the Martial Arts: nationwide organization for men & women martial artists. All ranks & styles welcome & encouraged! Info/newsletter: HiMA!, 627½ Oak St, SF CA 94117.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991 or Gary 558-9195.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call 538-8490 or 821-9721 for details.

Gay Tennis Federation: lesbian & gay tennis club. All levels of play welcome. Monthly mtg 7:30 pm, 3rd Mon of each month at Charpe's Grill, 131 Gough St, SF. Info: Tom Kelly 552-9595 or write: GTF, 2215-R Market St, Ste 109, SF CA 94114.

BORP (Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program provides & promotes recreation, sports & fitness by & for physically disabled people: wilderness trips, wheelchair sports (sponsor of the local women's wheelchair basketball team—the Bay Area Meteorites), children & youth programs, older adults program. Info: 849-4663 voice/TDD.

Out of Bounds Golfing Club provides support & golf outings, encouragement & companionship to gay men & lesbians of all abilities who enjy golf. Info: 647-3687.

Bay Area Women at the Helm (BAWATH) is a lesbian boating club open to all SF Bay Area women actively engaged in boating. Sailing trips, picnics, brunches, skill-building classes & more. Info: write to BAWATH, c/o Natalie Zarchin, PO Box 3343, Oakland, CA 94609.

Different Spokes, SF: gay & lesbian weekend recreational rides & touring, for all levels. Call 282-1647 for weekly ride, bi-monthly mtg, & social events info.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Lesbian Motorcyle Group: social riding club. Come see the sights with other lesbians, keep the wind on your face. Info: 532-8836.

Women, Motorcycles & Coffee: group for women motorcyclists & coffee lovers. Meet Sat 9 am-noon at Cafe Flore, Market/Noe, SF. Good company, food, drink. Meet new riding partners. Info: 826-6011.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Southbay Gay & Lesbian Volleyball League. Call (408) 534-1239 for mtg times & other info.

Gay Men's Basketball: Sun at 6 pm, 100 Collingwood St, behind Cala Foods, 18th & Collingwood (in the Castro), SF. Info: Tony 621-2710.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Joe 621-9964.

Berkeley Swim Team: spons swim workouts, competes in lesbian & gay swim meets. East Bay swimmers, novice thru experienced, are welcome to join! Info: Chris 654-9719.

The Banshees Lesbian Soccer Team: the only all-lesbian team in the Golden Gate Women's League. Call 841-5242 for info.

Bay Area She-Hawks Women's Rugby Club invites interested women of all skill levels to join a fun, competetive team. Info: (415) 386-1049 or (408) 736-2894.

SF Women's Flag Football League: meets Sun at 11 am & 1 pm (excluding major holiays), at either Louis Sutter Field or the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park, SF. For location & other info: Michelle Brodie 431-7636.

Castro Volleyball: every Sun 8-10 pm at Eureka Valley Center, SF. Beginning to intermediate levels. Info: Tony Trevers 255-2781.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feel-

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ings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Rap Group for Gay/Bisexual Men at Pacific Ctr, Mon 7:45pm & Tues 8pm. Followed by coffee & social hour for Gay/Bi men. Men welcome to attend either/both activities. 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Bisexual Women's Rap: you don't need to be bisexual but you MUST be female & willing to discuss bisexuality & related issues. WA & SIGN. Wed, 8-9:45 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Feminist Bisexual Women's Support Group: discussion & support for bisexual women who come from, but feel a little out of place in both the straight & lesbian communities. Mtg every other Sun afternoon in SF. Not a therapy group. Info 626-3910.

Eastbay Feminist Bisexual Support Group: Accepting, informal discussions & support. Meets 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, 7:30-9:30 pm in Berkeley. No fee. Info: Claire 549-9544.

Eastbay Bisexual Feminist Women. Support & social group. Info: Judith 528-5331.

Bisexual Women's Group/Peninsula South Bay: social & discussion group, call Liz 857-1044 for info.

UC Berkeley Bi Rap Group for bi women, men & friends. Support & social group. Info: Mark 644-8078.

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Men's Support Group discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.

Bisexual Women's & Men's Support Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.

Gay Men's Support Group meets 8-9:30 pm at 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, room 18, San Anselmo. Spons by Ministry of Light. Info: 457-0854 or 457-1115.



"Extramuros"—those darn nuns are at it again, in the Best of the Lesbian/Gay Film Festival revival, Jan 9.

Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Addiction Recovery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Married Gay & Bi Men's Rap Group meets Wed at 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in. Info: 841-6224.

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.

Gay Men's Support Group in Fairfield. Raps & socials. Thurs 7:30-10 pm. Info: (707) 448-1010 or write PO Box 73, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Fat Dykes Support/Social Group: meets twice monthly, once for potluck, once for discussion. Info: 569-5177, leave name, number, bit of info.

Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group: for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather: this group is for you! Call 654-1591 or write: POB 20365 Oakland 94620.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group: for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. 2nd Thurs of each month, 8 pm. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather? Call: 654-1591 or write POB 20365 Oakl, 94611.

S/M Lesbian Support/Discussion group. No perfumes or scents. Info/location: 668-4622.

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: 654-1591 Eastbay.

Leather S/M Support Group meets Mon 7:30-10 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Open discussion group, with topics. Women & men welcome. Donation requested. Info: Gordon Jones 621-6786.

Society of Janus: educational, support & social club for those interested in consensual, safe, non-exploitative s/m. Open to women & men; straight, bisexual, lesbian & gay. Info: send SASE to Society of Janus, Dept CU, PO Box 6794, SF CA 94101 or call 848-0452.

Oakland/East Bay Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents FLAG) holds support groups for parents, relatives & friends of lesbian & gay people. Info: Betty McCall 547-4657.

Berkeley PFLAG: 1st Wed of each month. Info: Ann 486-0534.

SF PFLAG: 2nd Sun each month, 2 pm. Info: Mary 928-2748.

Mid-Peninsula PFLAG meets 3rd Thurs of each month. Info: Verda 854-0142.

Diablo Valley PFLAG meets every 3rd Tues, info: POB 2174, Martinez, 94553 or call 372-9014.

Southbay PFLAG meets 2nd Wed of each month, San Jose location. Info: Nancy (408) 270-8182.

Marin PFLAG: welcomes & supports parents, spouses, siblings, friends & lesbians & gays to its mtgs. 2nd Wed of every month. Info: 479-3535.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

East Bay Lesbian Rap: fun, relaxed atmosphere—come make new friends! Tues, 8-9:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: MJ 536-7251, Mickey 843-2649, Maja 548-1549.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja 548-1549 or Mickey 843-2649.

Working Class Dykes Writing Group: meets every other week. Write, read together, give support. You don't have to be published to join. Info: 569-5177, leave message.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Christian Women's Support Group see Spirituality.

Bay Area Sicilian & Italian Lesbians (BASIL): una famiglia di donne meets monthly to provide support & address the cultural & political concerns of Italian American & Sicilian American lesbians, and the difficulties of resisting assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta fix, call Janet 654-3531 (Oakl) or Marisa 731-9302 (SF).

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Coming Out Group for Women in the Eastbay. Women of all ages welcome. Info: 521-1383 (leave message).

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Feminist Women in Recovery: support group for women of all ages, ethnic backgrounds & sexual orientation (no s/m) who are in recovery. Info: Susan 864-5677.

Gay Men's Sexual Phobia Group: explore our chronic sexual phobias & dysfunctins. Focus on impotence & incest. For gay men under 40 years old. SF location. Info: write Sex Group, 584 Castro St, Ste 275, SF 94114-2588.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Small, Etc, a club for men who are ashamed of their size, and other gay men who are "normal", but understanding. Group offers support, connection with others. For newsletter & other info send SASE to Small, Etc, PO Box 294, Bayside NY 11361.

The Caring Coterie: a group for men having environmental sensitivities. Share resources, remedies, & support in a "safe" and accessible Oakland space. Info: Ray 763-0235.

Visualization/Problem Solving Support Group: pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: Margo Adair 861-6838.

Gay Writers Support Group & wkshop for gay men actively engaged in writing. Writers asked to submit 10 pages of their work. No fee. SF mtgs, 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 861-2385.

Men's Support Group for Foreskin Restoration: meets at 4 pm every 1st Sun of the month. No fees or dues. BUFF and NOCIRC information available. Call Wayne 827-4077 for details.

Siblings of a mentally ill sister or brother support group. For lesbians & gay men who have mentally ill siblings. Talk about feelings of loss, anger, sadness & fear; discuss paying attention to our own needs. Info: 661-6379.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian Mothers/Persian Gulf Crisis support group for women with children in military service in the Persian Gulf. Gay fathers welcome. See Parenting & Family Resources listing for details.

Gay Writers Support Group & wkshop for gay men actively engaged in writing. Writers asked to submit 10 pages of their work. No fee. SF mtgs, 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 550-8063.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy" "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Lesbian-only groups available. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Sexual Compulsive Group for gay men: an ongoing psychotherapy group for gay men whose sexual behavior is out of control. Monday eves at Operation Concern, SF. Info: Jim Fishman 626-7000.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks; lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

Gay Men's Groups at Operation Concern: new 12-wk process group starts each month. Safe place to develop your interpersonal relating skills. Preliminary interview required. Info: Operation Concern 626-7000.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs. SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: 548-2570.

Fort Help: nonprofit center offers psychotherapy & counseling for a wide variety of life problems. Diverse staff includes lesbian & gay counselors. SL fees. For info/appt: 546-7779. 965 Mission St, Ste 520, SF.

Lesbian Couples Therapy at Operation Concern. Offers lesbian relationship therapy—this can include lovers, ex-lovers, family or friends. Low fee, sliding scale. MediCal accepted. 1853 Market St, SF. WA. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Coming Up's* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► YOUTH

Youth Rap! Meet other young lesbians, gays, bisexuals (or wondering), age 22 or under, in a friendly, supportive group. Talk about sexuality, coming out, dealing with parents & friends. Speakers, videos, social events, etc. Thurs, 4-5:30 pm, 1700 Jackson St nr Van Ness Ave, SF. Info Rik or Holly 558-4801.

Lesbian/Gay Social Group for high-school age students. Info: Christin 554-7632.

Youth Group for Gay/Bi or ? Women & Men age 23 or under. Drop-in. Suggest topics, make friends. 1:30- 3 pm, Sat at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Peninsula Gay/Lesbian Youth Group discussion/social, Sun at 2 pm. Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 856-1144, or write POB 60782, Palo Alto, CA. Group is not church-affiliated.

Slightly Younger Lesbians & Gays, a social/support/activity group for men & women under 25. Meets every Sunday, 1-3pm, San Jose location. Info: (408) 293-4529.

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: see Hotlines & Referrals.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: John W 626-7000.

Young Gay Men's Rap Group for those 23 & under. Fri 7-9 pm. Non-therapy rap group conceived & conducted by gay & bisexual men. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 826-2526.

Young Lesbians: weekly support group for those 25 & under, Santa Cruz location. Info: Valerie (408)427-3862.

Peninsula Young Gay Men: support group for gay men under 23 who live in the Northern Peninsula. Info: 979-8864.

Join the GAY Group (Growing American Youth) group, open to gay men & lesbians 23 & under. Meets 2nd & 4th Fri of each month, 7 pm, Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: 827-2960.

"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by CSP Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.

Children of alcoholics/addicts group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.

Prevention & Intervention Group for adolescent drug & alcohol abusers. See Addiction Recovery.

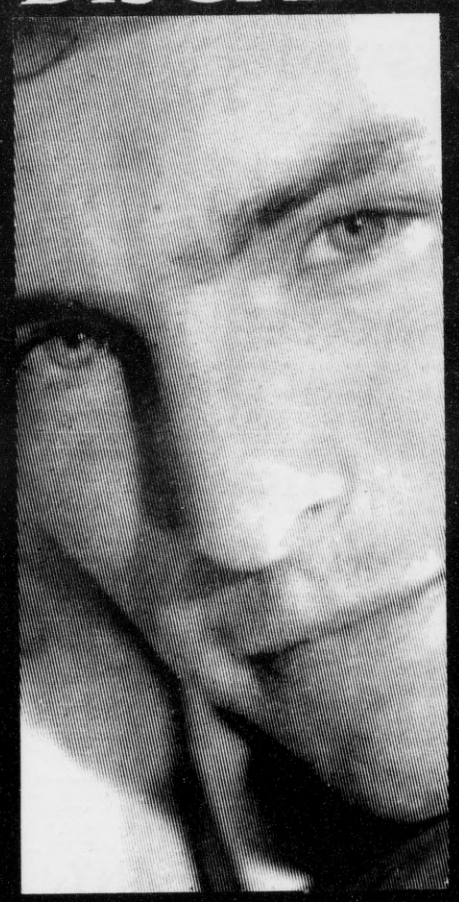
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-1115.

Rap Group for gay, lesbian & bisexual youth, 21 & under. Explore issues of sexuality, coming out, relationships & more in a supportive environment. Meet other gay youth & youth who are exploring their sexuality. Group meets Fridays, 6:30-8 pm, Community Living Room, 28 W 37th Ave, San Mateo (very accessible, cross street is El Camino Real, very near Hillsdale exit off route 101). Info: 572-0535.

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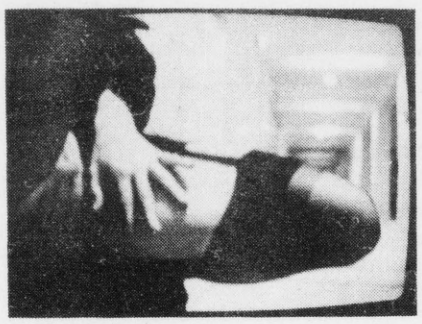
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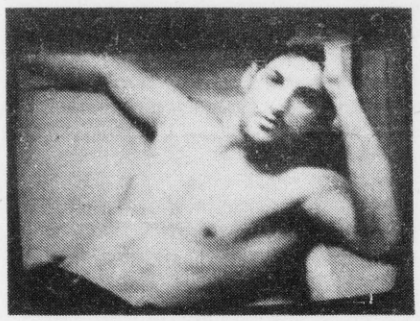
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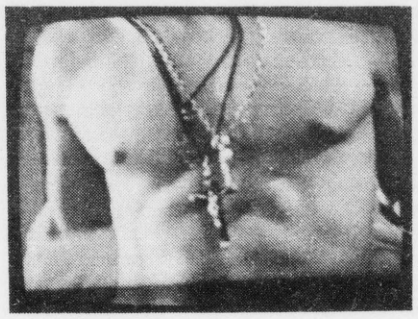
Last Month, for Madonna fans, Christmas came early—and often. There's nothing more fun for fans of Madonna than to search for any little item in any little newspaper about our hero. Everytime I open a newspaper I half expect fo find something about her, some Liz Smith item like who's suing Madonna, who's Madonna's new boyfriend, will Madonna trim her hedgerow at her neighbor's request, will Madonna finally do that remake of a Marlene Dietrich film, etc.

These Madonna media bits are fed to us at the same constant rate I've been feeding myself aspirin during this cold season. For the many out there who enjoy this common occurence, of which I am one, when we see a headline such as *Madonna Video Banned by MTV*, we totally cream and use a quarter needed for bus fare to buy that paper. When I read the list of the offensive depictions that possibly caused the video to be banned—nudity,









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bisexuality, cross-dressing, light sado-masochism, and multiple sexual partners—I squealed out loud over each of them. I was on MUNI. That day I received 14 Madonna-related messages on my phone machine.

When you think she's given all she can—shocking the world she so effectively holds captive into facing issues, styles, influences, and the solidarity and existence of the gay community; pushing AIDS awareness to the fore; challenging the Vatican with the line, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone;" and raking in zillions of dollars for herself—Madonna continues to astonish with the ballsiest human rights and censorship media explosion of her career. She loaded this fistful of controversy with such a clever wallop it makes 2 Live Crew seem like The Mills Brothers with Tourettes syndrome, as meaningless as they want to be.

The video media blitz got even more exciting when Barry Walter's fine and detailed description of the video, which he caught at a special screening, graced the front page of *The Examiner*. I read it and got the unmistakable feeling that Madonna does this just for us—us queers, mind you. Barry hearts Madonna in a big way, and it was so nice to see a fellow queer's blow-by-blow version of the video make page one. I began receiving even more Madonna-related calls on my machine, most of which asked, "Did you see it yet?" followed by a variety of sighs, moans and rebel yells.

Finally, one fateful night at The Klubstitute, I saw the video. It was really quite a scene there. I ran into Nancy Kravitz and Lulu, looking ever-so girlishly decked out and hot. Apparently they had watched the video about twenty times, taping it off *Nightline* the night before. As a result, they simply had to spend the next day shopping, in their best dyke gear, for lingerie, make-up and shoes. Their perfectly painted and lit-up eyes asked the question, "Have you seen it yet?" while their outfits asked, "Have you jerked off to it yet?" Soon they were off to a dark corner with Poet/goddess Danielle Willis and another beauty for a sapphic session of accessory fondling. At the behest of several crowd members shouting, "Play it again," someone plugged in the "Justifymylove" video, which I than viewed in its entirety.

My, my, my! What a video! I held my head in my hands in utter disbelief, touched myself and said "Oh my God," about as many times as Madonna does in the intro to "Like a Prayer." Never has a pop star forced so many of the most basic and necessary elements of gayness right into the face of this increasingly uptight nation with such power and finesse. Her message is a clear Get Over It, and she's the most popular woman in the world who's talking up our good everything.

When I was 11, I remember a saucy double bill that came to the drive-in movies. The titles of the movies showing escape my memory, but it was a soft-core porn double bill. What I do remember is the interesting marketing technique these two films utilized. Emblazoned over the typically white-trash low budget movie ad was the message, "Every Father, take your son. Every Mother, take your daughter." Not only relying on the flesh factor to fill up the drive-in with a lot of four-wheeling rigs driven by laid-off beer-bellied mill workers, these films hoped to yank in the parents faced with having that ever-awkward parent/child chat about "the birds and the bees" to take care of.

After watching the video, it suddenly struck me just how much more appropriate the message from those two movies would be if it were to appear on every copy of the "Justifymylove" video instead of that heinous parental advisory sticker we've seen so much of lately. It would force parents to deal with the questions that some of the more tender, confusing and delicious moments of this five-minute frolic of pleasure might prompt their children to ask. From her interview/interrogation-at-the-Principal's-office on *Nightline*, you know that Madonna feels the same way.

Just think of the comfort this video could provide for the teen boy who has struggled with hiding his hard-ons in the locker room and thought of himself as a pervert, to finally see that yes, indeed, people do feel a physical attraction for the same sex. Imagine the young girl whose guilt could be alleviated over the warm stirrings she feels while cuddling with her best friend by seeing Madonna enjoy something similar. And how about its potential to spawn a wave of young cross-dressing! The '90s really could be the decade of drag, offering all participants a self-induced and temporary form of schizophrenia that's far more attractive than Sally Field made it out to be. Now more than ever, who wouldn't want to be someone else for awhile?

By now most of you have probably seen the video or read a description of it so I'll just list my favorite parts. Madonna's new boyfriend, the first flash of Madonna's stockings and garter, the subsequent shot of her crotch, Madonna open-mouth kissing another woman while her boyfriend watches, her boyfriend's chest, the S&M dyke with the exposed breast running her hand over Madonna's boyfriend's ample basket, the boyfriend cuddling with two drag queens of sparse clothing and ample attitude, a brief shot of Madonna looking really Italian, and Madonna's pumps. As the video reeled to its close, I overheard Diet Popstitute, noble proprietor of the club, squeal, "This part is great. Here's where she runs down the hall just like Divine!" There was Madonna, scurrying down the hallway, clutching her coat together, smiling faintly, biting her knuckle, giggling, wearing tons of make-up, and, as always, having the last laugh. Diet was right, she looked just like Divine terrorizing the streets of Baltimore in a John Waters' film, shocking the onlooking hair-hopper housewives. The only difference was the hall is empty, making the viewer the only shocked onlooker. Being a fan has never felt more brilliant.

The single, "Justifymylove," in the CD format is one of the most interesting discs Madonna has ever released. It contains four different mixes of "justifymylove" and a brilliant remix of "Express Yourself" by Shep Pettibone that makes all other versions of that song melt from memory. There is a William Orbit remix that begins with Madonna saying "C'mon, you can fuck with me if you want to," a hip-hop mix featuring some really bitchen '60s soul organ and ethnic girl group vocal trickery, ending with Madonna's command, "Fuck me," and, of course, the perfectly undulating and sublime original single version.

However, the finest moment of this super-long CD is The Beast Within mix. Over a chunked-up, throbbing beat, Madonna reads from the Book of Revelations, weaving in bits of the regular "Justifymylove" lyrics to the dark and hard groove. The song ends with Madonna posing the question, "So what are you gonna do?" Well, what I've always done, only more vehemently, and maybe in fishnets.

THE PIXIES, JANE'S ADDICTION & L7

On the live music front, Christmas came ten days early last month for me because on December 15 I saw in one night The Pixies, Jane's Addiction, and L7, my three favorite groups of the year. I caught The Pixies opening for Jane's Addiction, then a few nights later headlining at the Warfield, where the bars won't even serve up a lousy glass of water to you during the encore. The Pixies were great as usual in both places, generating an excitement and feeling of historical importance. These shows will be talked about in that rock legend way someday.

Vocalist Black Francis, the best screamer in Rock, was like a cross between Iggy and Marlon Brando as The Godfather. They are the best band in the world, the solar system, the universe, infinity, and the mind of God, plus one.

Jane's Addiction also pretty much tore my head off and left most of my friends in awe. For a band teetering on the edge of existence, its members voted most likely to O.D., they turned out an extremely tight and even mind-blowing show. Much to my surprise, I've heard many people claim they were drunk and sloppy and boring, an utter disappointment. Well, those people are wrong. All members proved excellent showmen and the bass player is a musical hidden treasure, ripping to the fore in the live situation. The stage set was draped simply with outdoor Christmas lights, a hell of a lot cheaper than lasers, and decorated with elaborate and beautiful shrines not unlike the super-cool decor of my apartment.

The final stop of the night was at Nightbreak for L7. They mustered up a pit to reckon with, grinding out their special brand of thinking bitch's metal. My friend Dan and I played muscular frat boy sandwich with a friendly slamming reveler, and I ended up with sweat stains on my boots. It really was Christmas!

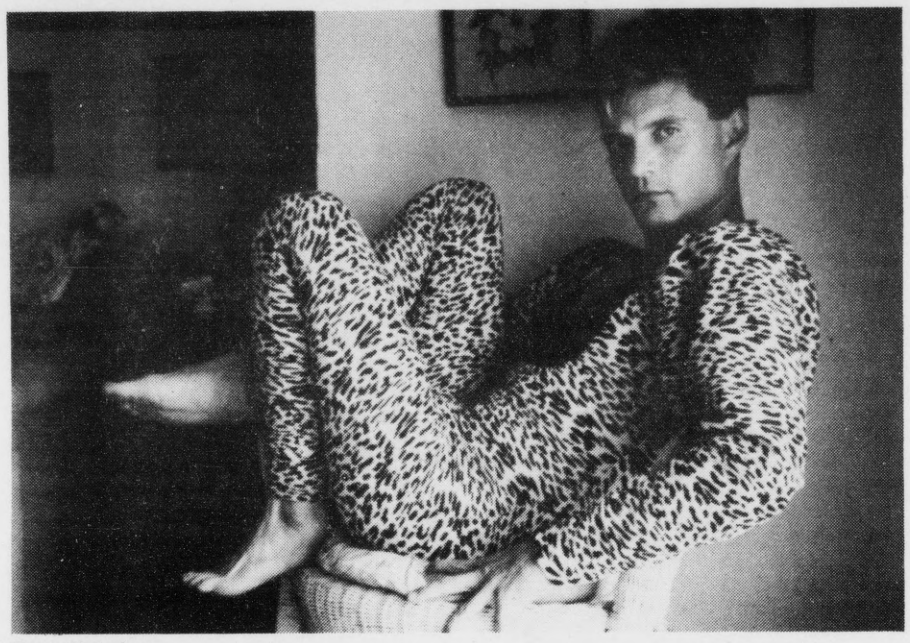
CLUB DEKEDANCE

One final item I'd like to bring up is the opening of Club Dekedance, held every Friday at The Endup. The ever consistent Sam Labelle operates the DJ booth, with his harder-than-thou but danceable style that has made The Detour so enjoyable, and a flock of dancers actually maintain a certain theme in costume slightly akin to the Erwin Olaf images used for the club's flyers.

Speaking of flyers, the guy Dekedance hired to post them was recently arrested while doing his job, questioned extensively about the flyers, brought to his apartment which was searched, then held at the police station for nine-and-a-half hours. The charge was vague, but there's no denying that the arrest was an issue of images-considered-obscene being distributed. In response, all of you club people who post flyers ought to concentrate on inundating the poles with obscene images aplenty. I want to see erect penises, pierced labia, penetration, cunnilingus, even rimming depicted on flyers everywhere in the city. I know, everyone would probably lose their licenses and stuff if they did, but it's a nice thought. And Dekedance is a nice club. I especially dig the dry-ice fog and the simple and successful attempts at creating an atmosphere with the changing decor. It's a fine Friday night haunt to visit and this city really needed one. Give it a look.

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BY GENE PRICE



Doug Holsclaw

Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You

One of the most brilliant studies of paranoia is Eudora Welty's wildly comic shortstory "Why I Live at the P.O." Doug Holsclaw has apparently decided to give Welty a run for her money.

His new work, a solo piece comprised of ten vignettes exploring the crackup of a gay male recluse is very funny, often touching, and remarkably layered with insights about the human and/or gay male condition. *Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You* is directed by Sabin Epstein and choreographed by Anne Bluethenthal.

Except for the first scene, which was uncomfortably similar in text and rhythm pattern to a Mona Rogers skit, I marveled at this young playwright's mature talent and his audacity in portraying his own hero, Pete Hilton, a queen in self-imposed exile whose only reason for living would seem to be to wreak havoc upon an ex-lover who may—or may not be—trying to contact him. Aye, there's the paranoia.

As Pete, Holsclaw plunges headlong into his psychiatric case history baring, in mercurial mood swings, his loneliness, his hurt, his all-consuming need for revenge. He peers through a blind at the outside world while avoiding the doorbell that signifies the delivery of his white-sacked meal. Prowling in his leopard leotard (one of many wardrobe changes into "really cute clothes") he poses and pouts, and throws himself on the sofa to cuddle a stuffed animal.

"I feel sexy," he confides, "I'm going to Vegas." He's looking forward to meeting "some nice couple from Oklahoma who are celebrating their (long pause) *acquittal*." He can't wait to cruise some married man and coerce him into donating money to the religion of *his* choice. Rummaging in his steamer trunk, he changes outfits. In a chiffon scarf, a cloche hat and dark glasses, he's Garbo. He changes again, all the while composing a list of those most deserving to be murdered. But his real obsession is with a man "out there" who drives a painted car. The ex-lover? A trick? A potential trick? "I knew I could live without him when I realized he didn't have to be here for me to fight with him."

He attributes his own low self esteem to poor gay role models. What could one expect, he asks, when those models were hairdressers at the Mall who wore boots and fur chubbies? He begins a list of resolutions. "I'll stop hating young people...How hard can it be to get a new personality?" he asks.

Coveting a zircon tennis bracelet on a TV shopping channel, he tries to order it without divulging his address to the order taker. He plays Ken and Barbie with two dildoes. He performs a series of gay aerobic exercises, not too strenuous, but revealing. He indulges himself in an analysis of gay male dependence upon cosmetic and hair care products. Apropos of nothing he asks himself, "Why do I hate straight people? Is it because they age so poorly?"

In one of the show's most brilliant sequences, Pete imagines himself being interviewed by Barbara Walters. It's cloying and it's vicious and one can almost hear Barbara asking her inane questions. "A redwood," he answers sincerely as though she were sitting next to him.

Holsclaw's Pete Hilton is EveryQueen on a self-indulgent downer. He's flaying himself alive for the sheer fun ot it. But at the end of this 80-minute roller coaster ride to Hell, we discover that the tennis bracelet has miraculously appeared on his wrist.

Don't Make Me Say Things, Etc. returns to Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint at 10 PM, Jan. 11 and 18. Don't miss this one. Call 861-7933 for reservations.

Lypsinka Does Josie's

The living, breathing phenomenon known as Lypsinka may well be another case of The Emperor's New Clothes foisted upon a desperate-to-be-amused public. I don't know. Certainly the one-man/woman revue called "The Fabulous Lypsinka" at Josie's Cabaret is not enough to convince me that those throw-caution-to-the-winds accolades showered upon Lypsinka by local and New York gay (presumably) audiences are merited.

Let it be understood that I have not seen Lypsinka's New York revue, "I Could Go On Lypsynching," which ran 53 weeks. It was a musical based on Lypsinka's fantasy life as inspired by real life model Veruska of a couple of decades ago. Veruska was tall and skinny and given to outlandish poses. Lypsinka (John Epperson) is tall and skinny and is predisposed to outlandish poses. Lypsinka's eyebrows are rigid descendants of MacDonald's arches, and she lathers on a blood-red lipstick with the abandon of a lunatic Joan Crawford. Her full skirted, haltered, black lace cocktail frock is right out of the Donna Reed Show. As for technique, she can lipsynch faster than any drag lipsyncher I've heard in the past 40 years (and I've heard plenty—some with talent, some with none).

But is it art? Is it theatre? Does it warrant feverish fans (seemingly all men) unhitching the horses and pulling her carriage through the streets? Are they laughing wildly because otherwise responsible critics have told them it's wildly funny?

I wonder. But then I didn't see the New York show. What I *did* see was modestly titled "The Fabulous Lypsinka," in which the performer demonstrated a remarkable talent for memorizing an incredible number of lyrics as sung by some famous and not-so-famous entertainers and mishmashing them together. (I'm told some critics find social content and political correctness in this mishmash, but they are probably smoking something illegal.)

Diva Lypsinka, who dares to subsume the vocal idiosyncracies of other actor/singers into her own flamboyant plea for attention, opens her show to canned applause. Launching into Gisele Mackenzie's "An Opening Song," she strikes a number of *Vogue* cover shots with arms thrust heavenward. Then she plunges into a Dolores Gray number, a Judy Canova number, Dotty O'Mason's "Cupcakes," ending each with a *Harper's Bazaar* cover shot—torso twisted, legs askew, arms thrust heavenward. It can't be easy to create a genuinely funny satire out of a third-rate song.

But then all-eyes, all-mouth Lypsinka does a very funny set piece. She pieces together a score of famous one-liners in a phone scene that is deliciously high camp. Snatching at three ringing but imaginary phones, she runs the gamut of outrageous putdowns—most of them directed at men. Slamming one phone down, grabbing another, she screams, she rants, she raves. "You don't call *Pearl*...Pearl calls *you*." It's Pearl Bailey. "I hate you," she purrs. Is it Hepburn, Crawford, or Christine Jorgenson? "You were born in the gutter and you'll die in the gutter," she drawls haughtily, reaching for another phone.

Then more songs, including Julie Wilson's "I'm a Bad, Bad, Bad, Bad Woman." It's such a rotten song how could it *not* be funny?

Then another telephone tour de force. Bette Davis, Jane Mansfield, Loretta Young and Ethel Merman sputter invectives as Lypsinka's eyebrows arch in unspeakable disdain.

For technique, I give an A+. For the two phone call pieces, A+. For sheer audacity, A+. For content, C. Maybe it's time for her to tackle the classics—something with a story line she can get her teeth into. Lipsynching to not very clever songs tests my patience.

The Fabulous Lypsinka continues at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint (16th at Market) through Jan. 10. Call 861-7933 for information and reservations.

The Girls Next Door

Three local singers have teamed their talents and are popping up hither and yon as The Girls Next Door. They are, in fact, Jeanne Marie, Stephanie Rhoads, and Lauren Mayer. I caught a brief set of their act at The Blue Muse one recent Friday. To be fair, it may well have been a dress rehearsal for their New Year's Eve gig at the Fairmont.

Jeanne Marie had just returned from Europe and the trio was admittedly under-rehearsed. The program featured a grabbag of solos, duets and trios in a sort of "now-it's-my-turn" order. There were some especialy nice arrangements of seldom performed '20s to '40s stuff (two delightful Andrews Sisters numbers, "Rum and Coca Cola" and "Hold Tight;" an Alice Faye song called "Music is Magic;" a sweetly nostalgic "It's the Girl;" and a giddily syncopated "That's What I Like About You.") Fun, swinging songs and probably the best of the evening.

Jeanne Marie's clean, clear soprano (Julie Andrews without the treacle) was just fine on "I Dreamed a Dream" and Stephanie reprised her operatic parody, "Art Is Calling Me." The latter was simpler and consequently funnier than when she sang it in a revue last summer.

The trio plunged headlong into Sheldon Harnick's wicked satire on global unrest, "Merry Minuet," pausing intermittently to giggle over fluffed lyrics. Lauren sang her own recipe for saving water, "If You Can't Take a Shower with Someone...Don't Take a Shower at All," and followed it with her lament about the men of S.F., "They're Either Married, Neurotic or Gay." (And, as we all know, sometimes all three.) Stephanie and Lauren sang the big *Chess* ballad, "I Know Him So Well," but I'm not sure their joined voices were musically or dramatically suited to the song's demand for quiet introspection.

To be sure, there were Christmas carols as well as that medley for "Oz." (Sharon McNight's and Bobby McFerrin's versions are so definitive, why take a chance?) And then a final encore of Cole Porter's "Everytime We Say Goodbye," one of the composer's most underrated songs. But this trio's vocal treatment was too ornate for Porter's simple melody and understated lyrics.

When next you run into The Girls Next Door they'll undoubtedly have it all pulled together.

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DINING OUT

BY MERRY WINSLOW

YaYa ★★½

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My visits to this South of Market Cafe have been very staisfying, and it's a place I always enjoy introducing people to because of its success in combining great food, atmosphere, and value. The tone is set by the mesquite grill at the back of the room, which is fanned by an electric breeze and tends to flare up and send showers of sparks dramatically into the air every so often. Guests are delighted by the display and the the fire itself imparts a delicious flavor to the marinated and grilled meats that are the backbone of the menu.

Subtitled "California Kebabs," YaYa combines innovative salads and appetizers with impeccably fresh seafood and meats, adds a few creations "from the land of Mesopotamia," a decent selection of wines, and finishes you off with espresso and a beautiful dessert tray.

YaYa serves fresh focaccia with an olive oil/sumac dipping sauce as its variation on the bread and butter theme; it sets a nice tone for the originality to follow.

Appetizers include Grilled Japanese Eggplant with pomegranate sauce and salsa ($4.25), Smoked Chicken Wings with tahini and date syrup ($4.25), Scallop Ceviche with tabouli and salsa ($4.75) and Stuffed Barbeque Oysters with garlic, lemon, and mint in yogurt ($6.00). Great attention is paid to presentation here, with ingredients combined for looks as well as taste. A Bourak with warm spinach salad and tomato concasse ($5.00) contributed well to a light lunch, and Ravioli stuffed with dates, cardomom and cinnamon, topped with Parmesan cheese and chopped walnuts in olive oil, surrounded with roasted red bell pepper ($6.00) provided a new definition of the traditional standby. This ravioli was sweet and served cold, and made another luncher very happy, though the tastes were too radical for my enjoyment.

Four of us exchanged bites of four different entrees, and each was unique and special in its own way. I had Trout marinated in herbs with lemon caper sauce and grilled over the mesquite ($8.50). It came surrounded by a gorgeous arrangement of many bright and perfectly cooked vegetables, including but not limited to pieces of broccoli, carrots, snowpeas, redpeppers, longbeans, squashes, and cauliflower. The trout was light and tasty, moist and flavorful, with the marinade subtly noticeable and the sauce tangy.

Chicken Kebabs ($7.50) were marinated in basil and served with preserved lemon and sundried elephant garlic sauce. The ground meat was skewered and grilled and also came in a nest of the same vegetables. (Regular readers of this column will recognize my affinity for restaurants that serve good vegetables—I regard that as a detail that enhances the quality of a meal greatly.)

The Beef Kebab was marinated in cilantro and Italian parsley and served with turnip, beet and tamarind sauce, and the Pork Kebab was marinated in dill with a lime-raisin sweet and sour sauce. Both of these entrees also cost $7.50—a great value for the huge quantity of food served. Each variety of kebab was different tasting and well balanced with its personal sauce, and the grilled flavor came through nicely on all of them. My personal favorites were the chicken and the pork. Also offered are a lamb kebab, scallops, prawns, and a whole salmon for two, with a saffron and sumac sauce.

We were too full for dessert and had to say no thanks to the tray of tempting sweets, but we did indulge in an espresso and went home smug at the discovery of a new special "find" in YaYa.

Pauline's Pizza Pie ★★

260 Valencia, San Francisco
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I'd heard about Pauline's Pizza for years as a place where you could get great pizza and good salad in an unlikely neighborhood (Valencia and 14th Street), but it wasn't until this month that I got to see for myself what the raves were all about. Pauline has taken the concept of the corner pizza parlor one better and turned what is usually a mundane experience into a dining adventure.

This is an innovative and classy pizza palace in the Mission with atmosphere and cleanliness, and a caring attentive staff. Simple white walls are made remarkable by many large paintings by Lawrence Ferlinghetti and ceramic masks made by mentally disabled persons at Creativity Explored, giving the restaurant the feel of an art gallery. The famous long waiting line has been alleviated by the opening of a large upstairs dining room, also done in white with more strikingly colorful and powerful pictures hung. Pauline herself makes her presence felt in a caring way by visiting diners and asking them if everything is alright. She helped us choose our pizza, which turned out to be very good and original.

We started out with a Fresh Green Salad ($4.35) made of organic baby greens and garnishes and tossed with an olive oil vinaigrette. Two of us shared the salad because it looked quite large, but next time I think I would want my own—it was that tasty. It comes adorned with a cheese stick—a house baked twist of fresh dough that has been rolled in herbs and parmesan and is a nice appetizer while waiting for the piece de resistance—the pizza.

Choices of toppings range from the usual—pepperoni, salami, mushrooms, etc.—to the eccentric: French chevre cheese, pancetta (Italian Bacon), roasted eggplant, Andouille ssusage. among others. Pie prices range from $10.25 for a small Pesto pizza to $18.25 for an extra large size Chef's nightly special. On this occasion the specials included "Roast fennel, cilantro, feta, and garlic" or "Double smoked ham, fresh mushrooms, and muffaletta puree." Muffaletta is a green olive/vegetable blend that is used on sandwiches in Italy; Pauline encouraged us to create our own combo of muffaletta and mushroom on one half of our house garlic pizza which is made with a Fontina cheese garnish.

The Fontina was really excellent. It provided a creamy base for the fresh garlic and held the whole thing together in a smooth and exciting way. I often ask for garlic on my pizzas, and this was a new twist on the theme that definitely works well. The muffaletta half was less exciting, though I am an olive lover, and the thin, very crisp crust reminded me of the best pizzas of my East Coast childhood years. Fresh, coarsely grated Parmesan and fiery red pepper were welcome accoutrements, as was cold Anchor Steam beer.

I nearly missed dinner, though, because I went to the bathroom and found myself enchanted by the pink and black tiled fantasyland—it is a MUST SEE on your visit.

Desserts include fresh fruit sorbets frozen in the shell—a dramatic presentation of orange, lemon, papaya, cantaloupe, coconut, or pineapple; Italian ice cream balls, and frozen zabaione with chocolate coating all for $3.50 apiece. We opted for the zabaione which was a frozen custard in a chocolate shell topped with whipped cream and very rich. Good coffee from Graffeo in San Rafael is offered, but shame on you, Pauline, no decaf! That was the only disappointment of the evening, which hopefully will be remedied soon. I look forward to another visit to Pauline's—I want to try the pesto pizza next time.

Astrology...

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fulfilled. When in doubt, ask the folks at those shops. They're knowledgeable and open minded. That's why they're there. Other games of fantasy and power beckon, but keep it in bed. Either way you're sure to get fucked, so keep it consensual, safe and fun.

CAPRICORN: You could get very lucky in terms of a relationship, but it will probably be a blessing in disguise. Most important is your relationship with your inner self, and that will be brought to light by friends who are overly generous with their insights. You don't have to like what they say, but thank them graciously (if a bit icily) for "sharing." Then challenge your own honesty by thinking about it. Better yet, meditate on it. Teamwork can help bring out your deeper creative potential, and along with that some surprising insights. *Happy Birthday: Raphaelle MacMahon, Jack Goodall, & Robert Stign*

AQUARIUS: You've been working awfully hard lately, and that can be good, but all work and no play can leave your friends feeling neglected. Two big surprises this month: (1) Those who tell you how much they miss you while you've been buried in your work; and (2) those who are offended at your neglect needn't be bothered by you ever again. Well! This is one way to find out who your friends really are, but whose friend— really—are you?! This is a famously two-way street, and if you're interested in maintaining certain friendships, it may take nothing more than a phone call. Just a "Been so busy, but let's get together when things calm down" kind of call may be all that's needed. Perhaps you are overburdened and need to toss some ballast off of your friendships. Another possibility—if it's appropriate—may be to involve your friends in some of your projects. Teamwork offers some interesting surprises, perhaps even better ways to get the job done.

PISCES: Have you some creative endeavor you want to be famous for? This could be a great time for a breakthrough! You're bound to get some attention you didn't count on. Two possible scenarios: (1) Enter a talent competition, a stand-up comedy open mike or some such, and gain wonderful notices. (2) Get schnockered and decide that City Hall needs stripes, and so does the arresting officer with a peasant's lack of apprecation for your efforts to correct the situation. Go to jail; do not pass Go. Reality generally exists somewhere between the two extremes. You, little fishy, tend away from reality toward the extremes. That can bring out your more creative side, but since you will be noticed, keep your creative efforts where you won't mind the world seeing them.

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Cathy Thomas-Grant and Alden Fletcher in "Food and Shelter"

Food and Shelter

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

A.C.T. and playwright Jane Anderson have taken on the plight of the homeless for their holiday production. Developed in the company's Plays-in-Progress series, *Food and Shelter* delivers a bleak look at a family of three down on its luck.

There's some powerful acting on display, sometimes painful to watch, but the drama is not totally successful. It's obvious that the playwright didn't give us too much background on the trio because she wants them to represent Every Homeless Family. But when the drama ended, I still didn't know who these people were, how they got into their present situation, what could have triggered the father's desertion of wife and daughter.

Earl (Ed Hodson), Lois (Cathy Thomas-Grant) and Chrissie (Alden Fletcher) live in their car after having reached Southern California in search of work. They sit on a bench at the end of a Disneyland day, hungry, tired, nowhere to go. They're at Disneyland through the courtesy of a winning $100 lottery ticket. Chrissie needs food for the soul, they feel, as much as for the stomach. (Maybe this is the kind of impractical attitude that had landed them in their present destitute state!)

At a cafeteria they scavenge uneaten french fries from a nearby table. They spend the night illegally camped out on Tom Sawyer's island, and in the morning Earl's frustration leads him on a destructive rage as he tries to break into waste receptacles and food machines. He is arrested.

In act two, Lois and Chrissie are living in the rundown car. Earl has disappeared after promising to write in care of a mail service. Female-of-the-species Lois, now charged with the protection of her young, evolves into a snarling tigress. Dealing with welfare agencies (who lose check and food stamps) has turned her into a rude, arrogant harridan. She insults the young black man (Michael McFall) who runs the post box service. "I have a college degree," she screams at him, "did you graduate from high school?" No, he replies, but reminds her that he's the one who has the job.

Chrissie now begins to have visitations from an angel she calls Rafael. No, he doesn't touch her "there" she assures her mother, but he does teach her to read overnight. He also feeds her bits of useful information that Lois can use to advantage. But when Lois attempts to use Chrissie's "gift" to purchase lottery tickets, the system goes awry and the angel disappears.

In the play's most touching scene, Lois confronts a librarian (Judith Moreland) in an attempt to get Chrissie a library card. But without an address she can't check out books. She informs the indifferent clerk that only a short time ago she too lived in a house, had a husband with a job, a normal life. She reminds the clerk that only a very thin line—a single isolated incident—separates them. She steals a book, but later returns it.

Earl returns. He's been bumming up and down the coast, having adventures in hobo camps, sleeping on beaches, watching whales. This is not at all what Lois wants to hear.

The real problem with the play is the author's failure to instill some subtext of vulnerability in her characters. I was reminded of a line a producer once told Tennessee Williams when he rejected one of the playwright's scripts. "There's nobody to root for," she said. I guess that's the way I felt.

Food and Shelter continues through Jan. 27 at the Stage Door Theatre. Call 749-2228.

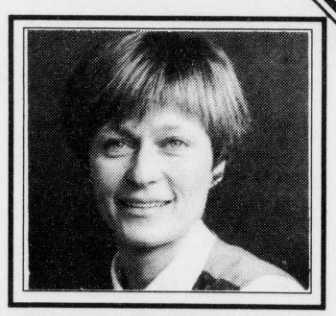
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A Bologna Christmas

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

This was my first Bologna Christmas. It was a gas. Subtitled "a charmingly blasphemous Yuletide tale," it was exactly that. Starring the Fratelli Bologna (Richard Dupell, William Hall, John X. Heart and Drew Letchworth) as the heartwarming, slightly demented Midwestern family, this year's version was co-produced by The Climate Theatre and Life on the Water. Albert Takazauckas directed.

You don't just walk into the theatre and take a seat. You make an entrance by knocking on a wreath-hung door somewhere backstage. Incipient cheerleader Sally Sue (Letchworth) opens the door, announces you, and as you step into the Webers' onstage living room, the early arrivals in the audience welcome you like a long-lost friend. (Everybody's famous for 15 seconds.) You take *your* seat, pass the proferred cookies, and shout out a first-name welcome to the *next* arrivals. It's a cult thing.

I arrived at eight. Half the audience was already there, and when I left about 10:30 half the audience was up on stage exchanging gifts with this half drag all-American family.

The plot is typical of any family gathering. This one's just a little nuttier and considerably darker. Throughout the evening father Phil (Heart) tries to regale us with the boring story of his boyhood in Palantine, Illinois. And that's sufficient clue for one of the others, say Sally Sue, to begin a sexually aggravated assault on not-too-bright Bradley (Hall), the boy next door whose parents went on vacation ten years ago and forgot to come back.

Mom (Dupell), a come-to-life Norman Rockwell icon with a lobotomized smile, becomes increasingly unglued as she totters, pint in hand, from microwave to rocking chair. There's a slide show, of course, with photos of where they used to live before they "lost" the house, and inexplicably, a sex education tape. There are warm, kitschy memories to be shared—how Father ran over the dog, how Mom microwaved the canary instead of the turkey, how Father's friend was killed in a plane crash, and how Father invented the Weber Bar-B-Q only to have the credit stolen by his unscrupulous and now very rich brother. Mini-tragedies to the rest of us, but in the Webers' house, good cheer never wavers.

The second act gets a little bizarre. Relatives and neighborhood skateboard punks drop in. Some weird Indian swamis (the three Kings?) drop through the fireplace. Sally Sue has indigestion and is carted off to the bedroom. But is it indigestion? The TV program is interrupted with a news bulletin. The screen reveals a lot of thrashing about in bed. It's Sally Sue and she's giving birth. But it's not just a child, it's a king. Not just a king. The King. An eight-foot diapered baby Elvis totters into the living room. Little wonder Mom's on the sauce!

Then the Webers invite everybody onstage to exchange gifts and Sally Sue coos, "Isn't this just the best Christmas ever?" You gotta love this cockeyed satire on family ritual. It's a superb antidote for that Hollywood version—*It's a Wonderful Life*—that seems to be playing round the clock this TV season.

Approaching Zanzibar

REVIEWED BY BY DEAN GOODMAN

Two plays by Tina Howe have previously been presented in the Bay Area, *The Art of Dining* at the Berkeley Repertory and *Painting Churches* at A.C.T. The Actors Theatre is currently staging a sterling production of *Approaching Zanzibar*, a 1989 off-Broadway success which further enhances Howe's growing reputation.

Divided into nine scenes, *Zanzibar* begins as the Blossom family, Mother and Father and Son and Daughter, embark on a field trip in the family car. What's this? A parody of Thornton Wilder's *The Happy Journey?* Well, not exactly. The Blossoms are traveling much farther than from Camden to Trenton; they're driving cross country to Taos, New Mexico to see an aunt, a famous artist, who is dying.

Also, in contrast to the gentle tone of Wilder's comedy, Howe's play starts off with a bang and is directed by Chris Phillips with such a high level of energy that one wonders if perhaps the play has reached its climax too soon. The kids scream and yell and sing songs while Mother shouts at them to keep quiet and Father does his best to keep an eye on the road. They also loudly play the geography game (when one player calls "Alaska" for example, the next person has to name a place beginning with the last letter of that state, such as "Anchorage"). So it goes.

But wait. Tina Howe has more on her mind than senseless cacophony and a series of unrelated incidents. Her point starts to reveal itself in the remarkable scene which opens the second act, as relatives join the Blossoms for a sail across a lake in Oklahoma City. Here again there is noise and confusion until suddenly, at the end of the scene, there is a moment of quiet and the young daughter says, "Look at me" with a subtle emphasis on the pronoun. It's a telling moment. Her father is a well known composer; her mother is a talented weaver; her brother is a musical prodigy. But like all of us, she needs individual attention, she wants to be considered as a person separate from the others, apart from the sound and the fury of the herd.

As the family attends the aunt in her Taos bedroom, Mother comments on how you're a

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PERFORMANCE

BY RACHEL KAPLAN

Unetsu
The Egg Stands Out of Curiosity

Going to see Sankai Juku at Zellerbach Hall is a little like going to see the Grateful Dead at Madison Square Garden used to be. This is the big time and these are the artists to see. Sankai Juku is a band of impeccable performers whose pieces are, without fail, beautiful, enigmatic and inspiring. *Unetsu—The Egg Stands Out of Curiosity*, Sankai Juku's first performance in California since 1987, was no exception.

Sankai Juku, a group of five men led by Ushio Amagatsu, performs in the style known as Butoh. Butoh is a Japanese performance form, developed in the early '60s by a man named Tatsumi Hijikata, in anguished response to Japan's involvement in World War II. Hijikata died in the early '80s, but the form he inspired had many followers who continue to explore and evolve the form.

Sankai Juku, which means "studio of mountain and sea," was the first Butoh group to come to the West. Arriving in Europe in 1980, Sankai Juku has been performing for Western audiences ever since. Their pieces are representative of a particularly Japanese form that has influenced the dance of the West with its stark and humane approach to the emotional world. Sankai Juku's earlier pieces involved the spectacle of men hanging suspended from buildings in the middle of city streets, as well as their evocations of human interaction, a la Butoh.

Butoh as a form centers around themes of unencumbered emotional expression, which is a new thing in Japanese performance art, a form which has been restricted for centuries by the ancient vocabularies of the Kabuki and Noh theatres. Characteristic to Butoh are curved and twisted limbs, distorted faces, and bodies in the throes of an emotional experience. Butoh is the dark side, the shadow, what we are afraid to acknowledge. It is the force that drives us. Butoh, in its intelligent and unfettered approach to this side of the human experience, is a form that reaches for the roots of things, and lives among archetypes and large symbols to make its points.

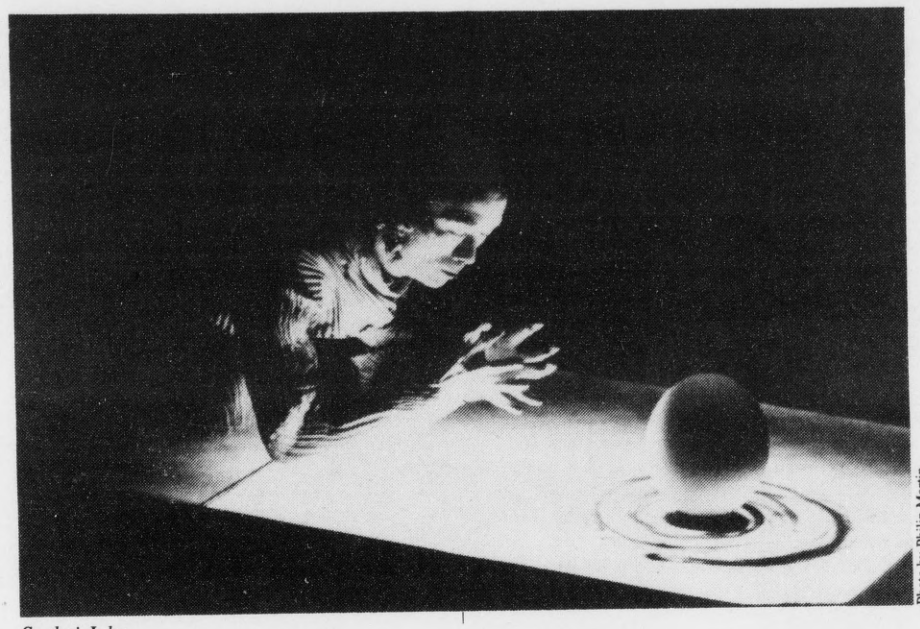


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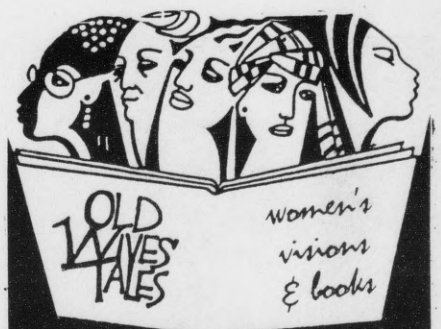
Sankai Juku

Unetsu—The Egg Stands Out of Curiosity was a seven-part piece, simple in its design and lavish in its imagery. While the seven sections were acknowledged in the program notes with different titles, and light and music changes made discernment of these different sections possible, it was easy to see *Unetsu* as a moving whole. Using the symbol of the egg as its starting point makes possible an interpretation of the whole piece as a series of disparate parts that create one coherent whole.

I saw this performance many weeks ago and did not sit down to write this review until deadline, nearly a month later. The specific details of the performance have formed a series of images in my mind that may or may not be correctly ordered, or even accurate. And my notes are of no use to me because in the dark of Zellerbach my pen glided over itself again and again, so I have nothing but a set of massive scribbles to decipher. This may be just as well, because the overall effect of Sankai Juku's work is one that defies language and words. I often leave performances like this with the flood of images in my mind, and very little in the way of description. Which is a problematic place for a critic to be.

The elements of *Unetsu* were simple, as were the symbols and imagery employed. Most of the stage is covered with a shallow pool of water, and flanked on two sides with four gongs. There is a platform stage right, above which an egg hangs over a pile of sand. Throughout the performance, sand and water fall from above, and by the end of the performance, there is an island of sand that

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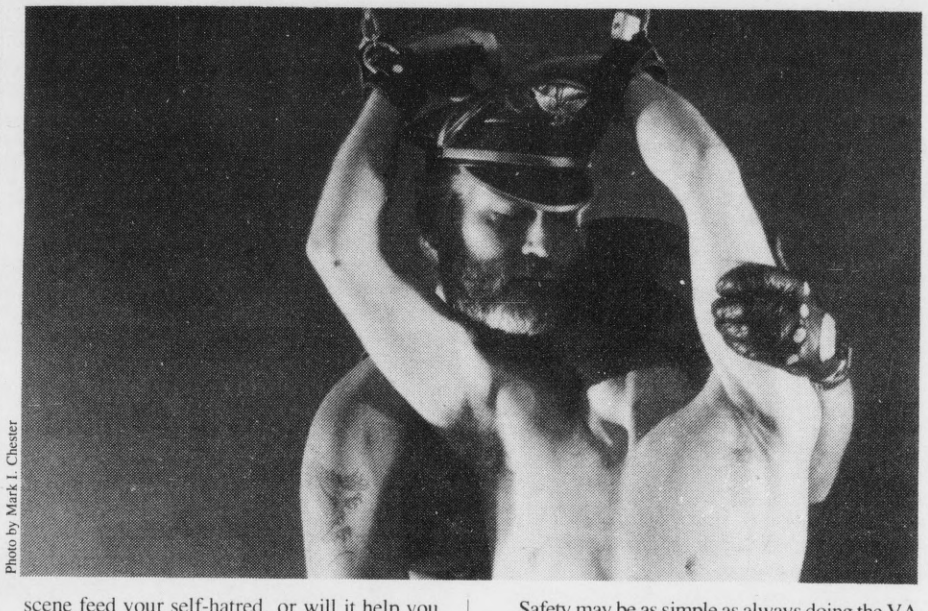


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Verbal abuse (VA, V/A) sounds like the safest possible leathersex experience. No condoms or dental dams required; no ropes or restraints to become overly tight. After all, as everyone knows, "whips and chains may break my skin, but words will never hurt me." Everyone says something like that, but don't you believe it.

Skin's only skin. Stripe it with blazing red welts tonight, and tomorrow (or one day soon) the welts are gone. Their glow may remain in memory, just warm enough to inspire desire, but welts and bruises and even breaks in the skin heal pretty quickly. The surface striped by an out-of-control tongue lashing, on the other hand, doesn't always smooth out and recover so easily.

Of course, I'm not saying *don't*. When it comes to any sex act at all, especially kinky ones, you have to make your own informed choices. With that in mind, there are some things you'll need to know before you start experimenting.

First, realize that real sex—sex that engages your whole ecstasy-inclined self, regardless of the sex act—is never safe in any absolute way. To be open to deeply satisfying, joyful sex, you have to be vulnerable, not necessarily to germs, but very essentially vulnerable to your partner, soul to soul. This means verbal trips are potential dynamite if you're really *there* for them, really open to the power exchange they express.

Second, recognize your own reasons and reasoning when you're looking for a verbal abuse scene. Top or bottom, you have your reasons. Looking at them does not mean a lot of intense introspection and reflection. That way lies madness, and a lot of bullshit, too. Still, look for your own reasoning. Believe your own first impression. It will do for now. Then ask yourself, "Is this about joy, health, fulfillment, and possible ecstasy?" If so, go for it. If not, you may need some form of therapy other than SM play.

Do you want to be called a "filthy cocksucker" because you truly believe that sucking cock makes you (and all gay men?) filthy? If so, will the VA scene feed your self-hatred, or will it help you work through it and deal with it? Your first answer will do. Go with it.

Do you want to be berated because the VA language connects with your early sexual history or with some especially hot porn you treasure in memory? If so, the verbal scene may be nothing more than a way of turning up the sexual heat. Or, it may be a way of beating yourself up for harboring such memories or for no longer being as innocent as you once were. Which is it? Is it okay?

Don't go Freudian. Don't analyze yourself into a corner. Just realize that abusive language can be more scarring than whips and chains. Understand that whether words maim or heal has everything to do with why you enjoy or want them in the first place.

If you decide to experiment with VA, check in with yourself after the scene. Are you recalling the slurs and humiliation as hot, sexy action, or does the memory lead you to doubting your self worth? Is it a little of each? Even if you decide there does appear to be a dangerous element in VA for you, it is possible to save the sexy side of the action without continuing to put yourself at risk of real damage.

Safety may be as simple as always doing the VA scene as a part of a larger dramatic scene, one in which you *play* the part of the creep or weakling or other worthless slime whose degradation turns you on. Similarly, you may find that there really are things in the realm of leathersex that you don't do well or handle well. Arrange to have your Top degrade you in reference to these acts, keeping you informed outside the scene of your actual progress until such time as the degradation is no longer possible. Get creative. There's always a way to have it all in SM.

The one thing you can't let yourself do is lie to yourself. If you suspect that your reasons for seeking verbal abuse are unhealthy, work that out first. Get all the pain you want, but don't let yourself be harmed.

In a consensual SM scene, VA, like any kind of sex play, has to be within your limits if you're a bottom. Tops, too, can be mentally or emotionally lacerated by the words they sling, so make room for your partner's limits as well. Prepare. Negotiate your verbal scene as carefully as you would a heavy pain trip involving restraint. Then, do what gets you up, what gets you off, and what leaves you high.

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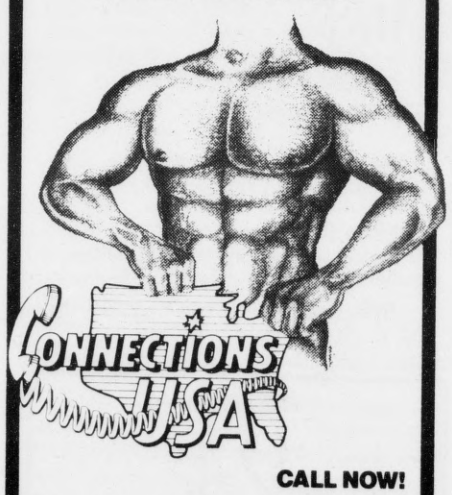
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Unetsu...

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didn't exist at the start of the show. The piece ends with the lead dancer walking across the pool of water to his resting place on this created island. Sleeping, dying, resting, coming to a stop. Throughout the evening, the sound of falling water accentuates the music of Yoichiro Yoshikawa and Yas-Kaz.

After the four principal dancers approach the stage from the wings alongside the stage, Amagatsu, choreographer and lead dancer, moves slowly across the stage. The blue background of the stage shimmers with what turns out to be the reflection from the pool of water. As Amagatsu steps into the pool, the ripples from his feet reflect on the screen, a simply done, and simply beautiful, image. The high tech reality of Zellerbach makes small images echo on a grander scale, instantly elevating the work to a sort of spectacular level that can never be accessed in smaller theatres. (Back to rock concerts and Madison Square Garden and the largeness of it all.)

The dance of *Unetsu* was a flowing contrast of extremes. Amagatsu does a slow hand dance that abruptly transforms into a larger arm and body dance. The four dancers move slowly across the stage, their feet movements barely discernible, until they have traversed the stage. There is always surprise and mystery in the movements of the dancers. The choreography is such that things seem to grow organically from one form to the next, until the dance has become something it wasn't a moment before, and then changes into something totally other again. The subtlety and skill of the dancers in these complicated and meticulous dances was quite compelling to watch.

Many Butoh dances focus on the awkwardness and lack of grace of human experience. *Unetsu*, on the other hand, was a picture of grace and of well-segued movements one to the other. The dancers, scantily clad and dressed in Butoh white, travel in unison with one another across the stage, their finely controlled bodies moving into new shapes and contortions without a gap in the sequencing of the action. The piece is impeccably choreographed, and the performers know where they are at all times, from the stillnesses that last far longer than one might expect, to the image of men falling over and over again into the pool of water, a hilarious and changing picture of decay and regeneration.

When I see work like *Unetsu*, I let my mind fall free of interpretation, because the imagery is so stark and beautiful and because it demands that it seep into your bones without the interference of words. So I don't really know what the work "means" or what it is "about." I have no idea what "The Egg Stands Out of Curiosity" means, though it sounds good. The images of eggs, water, and sand—different elements piled on one another—create space for archetypical and other cosmic interpretations. But only if one is so inclined.

What I am most aware of is the non-linearity of the piece, the endlessness of the movements flowing one into the other, the beauty of the body in concentrated motion, and the virtuosic skills of the dancers rising and falling in unison with one another and the music. There was a continuity in *Unetsu* that was more about the timelessness and change inherent in movement than it was about any of the specific images created throughout the evening. So when Amagatsu lies on the pile of sand, his body and his dance stilled after 90 minutes of constancy, it can be read as death and the end of a life, or simply the end to a beautiful moment of movement and change, the end of a journey.

Zanzibar...

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teenager; you have children; then suddenly it's all over. Life has passed you by as you compete with others for your moment of attention.

In the closing scenes the daughter is left alone with the dying aunt who promises the young girl that she, too, "will have it all." They strip the bed of its covers, the bed becomes a trampoline, and the two women play the geography game as they jump up and down. "Zanzibar!" cries the aunt. And the girl exultantly cries, "Paradise! Paradise!" in response.

The Actors Theatre has given us, in its production of this unusual play, one of the best ensemble performances seen on a local stage in this reviewer's memory.

The sailing scene is a good example of this artistry. Here the actors' lines overlap, each has a special activity (developed, I suspect through improvisation in rehearsal) and the overall effect might be irritating to audiences conditioned to points of focus. But the lack of focus (carefully orchestrated and controlled by director Phillips) works in this production because it creates the chaos, the unpredictability of life itself. This, I think, is just what Tina Howe intended. It's a richly rewarding theatrical experience. *Approaching Zanzibar* continues through January 13th at The Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter. For reservations, call 296-9179.

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BOOKS

The Queen of Lesbian Mystery

An Interview With Barbara Wilson

BY VICTORIA A. BROWNWORTH

The undisputed "queen" of lesbian mystery novels is travelling these days with her latest opus, *Gaudi Afternoon*, which, as its punning title (a takeoff on Dorothy Sayer's *Gaudy Night*) suggests, is a rollicking good time of a pageturner.

Barbara Wilson is one of those rarities in the world of lesbian "stardom"—she's nice, she's warm, she's friendly and she takes her myriad accomplishments in stride.

Wilson at 40 has done more than most people of 80. Cofounder of one of feminism's strongest women's presses, *Seal Press* in Seattle, she has also written six novels, a book of short stories, and translated four works by Scandinavian feminist writers. Wilson is an open lesbian and her books reflect the lives and concerns of lesbian women—the personal and political.

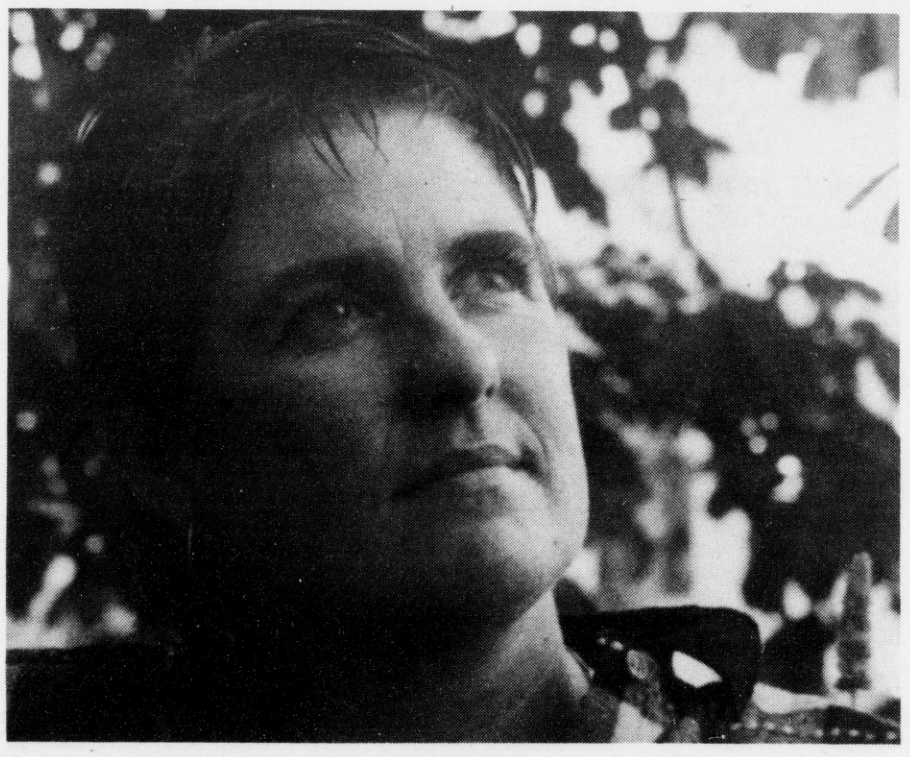
Her mystery novels have made her a popular voice among devotees of the genre and are big sellers, bringing in much-needed monies to Seal, publisher of all but one of her books. Wilson has developed two lesbian detective characters—Pam Nilsen, heroine of her last three mysteries, and Cassandra Reilly, heroine of her latest (and a forthcoming) novel. Wilson said that the Nilsen books have garnered a real following and a tremendous amount of response from younger lesbians who identify with the character, a twentysomething Seattle leftist with a twin sister. Wilson brought Nilsen "out" in the second mystery and newly out lesbians identify strongly with the character, she said. "Pam is a character that younger women relate to a lot."

Pam is also a character with a lot of sociopolitical conflicts and Wilson thought the mystery genre was a good place to explore those conflicts. The Nilsen mysteries—*Murder in the Collective*, which draws on and satirizes Wilson's own experience working in a leftist printing shop; *Sisters of the Road*, the novel in which Pam officially comes out; and *The Dog Collar Murders*, which takes on the endless debate within feminism regarding pornography, lesbian S/M and sexuality—are about "subverting the (mystery) genre," said Wilson. "In *Sisters* I looked at the whole genre idea of the P.I. (private investigator) who looks for the young prostitute—only here the P.I. is Pam, a lesbian woman. In *Dog Collar* I wanted to look at the *rhetoric* of pornography. The book is satiric—but sometimes people don't get my sense of humor. But it looks at the didactic arguments, the motives and ideologies that are part of the whole debate. It's definitely a satire. Even the whole combination espresso bar/laundromat is about that—it's a metaphor for the debate—always churning around, never stopping."

In Wilson's latest book the detective figure is a translator named Cassandra Reilly. She's older—fortysomething—and much more sophisticated and worldlywise than Pam. "It wasn't that I was tired of Pam, but after three books with the same character I wanted to try something else. I wanted to look at my own sense of humor. Pam is very self-conscious. Cassandra is more live-and-let live. She just *is* a lesbian, where Pam is still struggling with her sexuality and what it *means*. I felt that if I were to really move ahead with Pam I would have to skip a few years, make her older, maybe see if she was still together with Hadley, try a new set of problems and conflicts. But Cassandra was the next move for me—a whole new area of mystery and humor."

Gaudi Afternoon is about Cassandra and her madcap search to find a missing husband. But the book is very much about gender and sexuality and the different ways we look at parenting, relationships and gender together. In the book Wilson explores, as in her other mysteries, politics. Here the politics of transsexualism. The book is set in Barcelona and the architecture of Gaudi plays an important metaphoric and literal role.

"I wanted to do a caper, a thriller. But again I wanted to work at subverting the genre. In the typical caper/thriller you have a heist, and it's usually a jewel. Here it's a little girl, Delilah, but she's an object to the people stealing her back and forth. She's a projection of everyone's desire. The book is about gender, custody, motherhood and parenthood."



For Wilson who "didn't learn to read till I was seven," books have become a way of life. "I never liked school unless I could work on special projects. These always had to do with telling stories, projects of imagination. When I had teachers who supported that, I really thrived. But school itself bored me."

Wilson started college but left when she felt "I should see the world." It was the late sixties, everyone was dropping out. I was majoring in philosophy. I travelled, I went to the University in Spain for a year, I travelled to Morocco, Portugal, then I want to Norway."

It was in Norway that Wilson began the next phase of her career as a writer—translating. When Wilson speaks about becoming a translator, it sounds criminally easy "You get a dictionary, you get a book, you learn." She's taught herself several languages, including Norwegian, German and Spanish and she makes it sound like Berlitz—anyone can do it. It is her translations that have led to the latest imprint from Seal Press, the Women in Translation series, which focuses on translating the work of lesbian and feminist writers from other nations whose work would otherwise be lost to a wide lesbian or feminist audience. The books are not the moneymakers for Seal, however, "although they are all critically acclaimed and have gotten reviewed in the *New York Times* and so on," said Wilson. As a consequence, the books must be published separately to be eligible for non-profit status—and much-needed grants money.

Seal itself is doing well enough financially to have a staff of eight fulltime workers and two part-time. Wilson focuses her attention on writing, "which the success of the press has allowed me to do. I work there part-time, and write the rest of the time."

Wilson, who seems to be one of the most prolific lesbian writers around, explains that it's a matter of "never losing the habit of writing. I write every day: in my journal, letters, books. You lose the idea early that you're going to get that big windfall advance and then you realize that if you write a lot, you can make a living at it. That's what I do and I am making a living at it." You can earn an income through publishing a lot of books."

Wilson has put out a book a year, though she says that the next year will not have a Wilson publication, "I have several ideas going right now—another Cassandra Reilly and several other projects. But none will be completed in time to publish a book before 1992."

Wilson's commitment to her own writing is also reflected in her commitment to the writing of the women published by Seal. "I get tired of hearing that lesbian writing is bad writing, or that feminist publishers don't publish good books. I think that all our books are good—I think that a firm commitment to your writers is important. I've been very lucky in that we've only had one bad experience at Seal. In over 100 books that's a pretty good average."

Wilson, along with co-publisher/co-editor, Faith Conlon, feels most committed to nonfiction works by women and works by women of color, as well as to the translation series. "There just aren't enough people publishing women of color," she notes. "And some of our books were turned down by other publishers because they weren't supposed to make money. But they're making money for us." Among those is the "Getting Free" series on dealing with recovery from domestic abuse, by Ginny NiCarthy. The original book, *Getting Free*, was "turned down by 25 New York publishers before she submitted it to us. We've published over 100,000 copies of it."

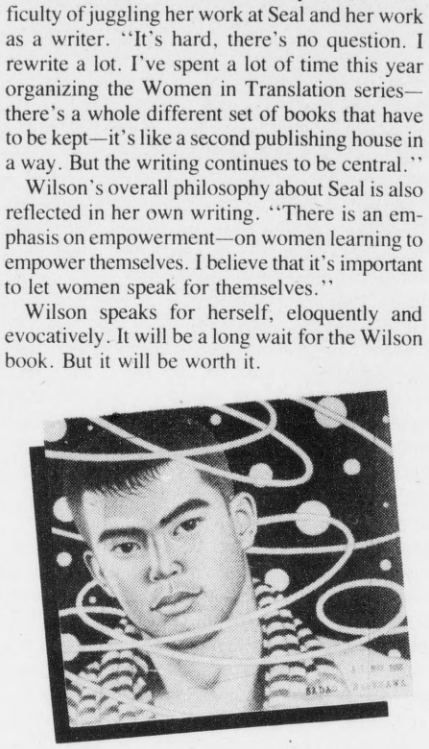
For their 15th anniversary next year, Seal will be publishing a new book by Becky Birtha, *The Forbidden Poems*, a novel about child sexual abuse for the young adult series, a new mystery by Ellen Hart and a book on dating violence, among others.

The struggle for Seal has been slow and steady and "the risks have paid off," said Wilson. "I tend to be cautious (in publishing), but it's an area where you have to take risks. People told us that no one would buy a book about battered women leaving their abusers—*Getting Free*—that women would be afraid to buy the book. Look at the book now. We published the *Black Women's Health Book* this year and the first printing sold out in three months."

Wilson has many other subjects to address—the role of the writer as role model, the role of the translator, how politics affects writing, coming out, and so on. "I have plenty of ideas, plenty of imagination. I'm always making notes for projects and then I work on them for a number of years." Her modesty about her writing is real; she doesn't minimize the difficulty of it, the difficulty of juggling her work at Seal and her work as a writer. "It's hard, there's no question. I rewrite a lot. I've spent a lot of time this year organizing the Women in Translation series—there's a whole different set of books that have to be kept—it's like a second publishing house in a way. But the writing continues to be central."

Wilson's overall philosophy about Seal is also reflected in her own writing. "There is an emphasis on empowerment—on women learning to empower themselves. I believe that it's important to let women speak for themselves."

Wilson speaks for herself, eloquently and evocatively. It will be a long wait for the Wilson book. But it will be worth it.



Sadao Hasegawa: Paintings and Drawings

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REVIEWED BY JACK FERTIG

This coffee table collection of homoeroticons by Sadao Hasegawa is at once familiar and startlingly new. Hasegawa's talent recalls the Athletic Models' Guild, Tom of Finland, Balinese and Indian representations of Hindu myth, Hieronymus Bosch, and more traditionally Japanese motifs. But all these elements blend to create something entirely new and delicious. Your first impulse may be either to guess at stylistic roots or to yank on your own root.

Western categories (i.e., porn vs. erotic art) are often irrelevant in the Japanese context. Here the idiotic question, "Is it hot or is it art?" is answered, "Is it ever!"

There is perhaps something here for everyone. It's Japanese beauty in Japanese terms; some of it if only for the luscious renderings of male bodies, some of it hinting at mysteries of sensation and myth, some of it outrageously fantastic and lascivious.

Acrylics from 1979 and the early '80s show beautiful young men in muted shades. Through the decade, style and sexuality grow and probe, exploring new directions. Snakes begin to appear with unmistakable phallicism, either as companions or tattoos. Muscular men in loincloths look like AMG studies, but for their birdheads, wings, and the surrounding ritual trappings. Fiery *kami* combine images of heaven and flesh. Pubes bristle out from *fundoshi*, which bear transparent outlines of the treasures within. One Athletically Modeled "Sea Spirit" framed in surreal hints of Botticellica offers promise of penis on the half-shell.

The interplay of East and West plays throughout, inviting contrast to the works of Teraoka. Unlike his reading of Western modernity into 19th Century aquarelle styles, Hasegawa's illustrative style is entirely postwar, as bright and obvious as a neon display on the Ginza, but bringing myth and traditions into modern and postmodern styles.

The later pictures blend styles already marked

individually by their multiplicity. The hybridized physiognomies of Hindu myth are played further by surreal settings framed against postmodern juxtapositions. Monkey spirits with tit rings and hermaphroditic pink-winged elephants grace a young man's shower. The spirits suggest the playful god Ramuman and the lucky Ganesha. As they drop from the ideally muscled body, soap bubbles discretely turn into eyeballs, paralleling Tom of Finland's contained and invitational voyeurs. But the collection works up to that, and it works better than words suggest.

Some of the images are richly—and knowingly— sadomasochistic. The series entitled *Matsuri-Goto*—translated here as "Festivities" but also meaning "offering up (as in sacrifice)"—present some of the more accessible and (should baby want to play) replicable tableaux. The inscriptions in the backgrounds indicate the "offering" as a talisman against evil spirits.

"Crane and Turtle" shows a lovely man tied helplessly as a crane picks at his liver and a tortoise at his perineum. These animals symbolize long life and the *kanji* on his blindfold may be read either as "celebration" or "congratulations." Beasts, men and *oni* fuck in myriad combinations. Faceless men in bondage dangle over the *kanji* character for "World."

The bondage in these pictures looks practiced—almost, but not quite instructional—inviting one to replicate the bonds. Candle wax and swords, elemental spirits with blue flame hair piss, fuck, and bite with fangs digging in into tender manflesh.

There are simple pencil drawings for simpler tastes—a handsome young face surrounded in orbs and spirals gives a Mona Lisa smile. On the opposite page an unshaven *nihonjin* pays tribute to Tom of Finland, licking an impossibly large phallus in negative outline. Simplicity and fantasy combine in drawings that hint at Tom's technique along with styles of Japanese animation, at once evoking Kake and Astro-boy.

The Kintaro pictures show an already lovely backside enhanced with the classic *irezumi* body suit of the Golden Boy, Kintaro, wrestling with a carp. As the watery swirls of the tattoo draw you into the flesh, a fundoshi, colored in sharp contrast, and teasing through an exquisite ass, invites a deeper plunge into the watery scene. ("Carp" and "love" are homonymous in Japanese, affirming the invitation to dive in and wrestle with love.)

Indeed the collection invites one to dive in as deep as one may. If you can translate the Japanese inscriptions, recognize the spirits and gods, all the better, but don't let that intimidate you. Even if you don't know *kami* or *fuku*, what you miss as mythology you can appreciate as fantasy, eros and art.

Different Mothers:
Sons & Daughters of Lesbians Talk About Their Lives

Edited by Louise Rafkin
Cleis Press, 1990, 175 pp.

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

As a sequel to her popular *Different Daughters: A Book by Mothers of Lesbians* (1987), Louise Rafkin has come out with *Different Mothers*, exploring another facet of parenting as it affects the lesbian community. Through oral histories and personal narratives, Rafkin has anthologized the voices of 38 children of lesbian moms, ranging in age from 5 to 40. The book takes us on a thoroughly fascinating journey through uncharted waters, relying solely on the stories told by the children themselves about their unique lives.

Sometimes the perspective of the children growing up in lesbian households is not nearly as categorically unique or different from kids growing up in other nontraditional households, and it's up to the reader to unravel the complexities. It's sometimes difficult to clearly distinguish significant differences between kids growing up in a family headed by a lesbian mother, from say, kids growing up in a family headed by a single straight mother. In both cases we see children adapting to similarly nontraditional situations: to divorce or breakups, to new lovers coming into the picture, to their mother's sexuality, or to difficulties and conflicts between their mothers' and their grandparents' value systems. Sometimes the problems which arise seem to be less a question of the mother's sexual orientation than a question of divergence from the mom-dad-kids nuclear paradigm.

The undeniable major difference between kids growing up with straight mothers from kids with lesbian mothers surfaces with social reality outside the home. Children of lesbian mothers live in the closet, and throughout the book they testify about their need to live secret lives. Virtually all of the kids (until they reached young adulthood) felt compelled to keep their mom's homosexuality secret. They would not tell even their closest friends about their mom or the truth about their mom's "roommate." Whether they themselves call the roommate "mom" or "aunt," and even if she has co-parented them for the duration of their childhood, to the outside world she remains a shadow figure in the nebulous scenario.

All of the children in the book repeatedly expressed their deep fear of being ridiculed or teased about their mother's lesbianism, and they dreaded being called a dyke or fag themselves. Kids of a straight woman who has a live-in lover don't have to face this dilemma. Heterosexual privilege extends even into the most transitory and uncommitted straight relationship.

Father's Day seems to be the worst day of the year and the bane of every lesbian's kid's existence. Since many lesbians have children by donor insemination, a lot of the kids don't know their fathers and have an impossible time explaining themselves to other kids. Even if they themselves are well-adjusted to living in a double-mom household, and even if the issue of not having a dad isn't crucial to them, they are at a loss on this Hallmark holiday. The secrecy around their mother's homosexuality which almost every kid felt the need to protect, is the most depressing revelation of this anthology.

Children are powerless, and they have to fit-in and adjust in order to survive. Kids can't just walk away from situations they don't like. They are that much more concerned about the perceptions of others since their very survival depends upon their re-actability. Children can't really hold their own against social pressure. So when all of the respondents in the book perceive society in the same way—society hates dykes and fags—we get a pretty clear picture of just how hateful things are out there. When we start to feel that perhaps things are changing for us, our kids come back and tell us that all the other little kids think that all gay people have AIDS and that homosexuality is contagious. It's pretty bleak.

What's good or different about the children of lesbians is that they seem to be better informed, less conservative and much more willing to dispense with negative stereotyping of different kinds of people. The pages ring out with a kind of celebration of diversity, even in the somewhat apologetic claim by the kids, that lesbians are really no different from other people.

Most of the children seem to love their lesbian moms and they're happy when their mothers are happy and they're happy when their mothers' lovers are good to their mothers and kind to them. Most of the kids were clear in wanting their moms to confide in them, and they advise us that lesbian moms should come out to their kids as soon as possible. Secrecy might be the M.O. in dealing with the hostile outside world, but within the intimacy of the home, honesty is the preferred policy. As one fifth grader put it: "I think mothers should tell their kids right off if they are lesbians. If the kids think it's okay, great. If they think it's not okay, they'll get used to it." Another kid, a 13-year old tells us: "I think it's good to let your children know you are homosexual, because if you are different, your children already know it at some level. If you keep it a secret, they might think it is bad." Kids feel betrayed and angry when their mothers don't come clean with them.

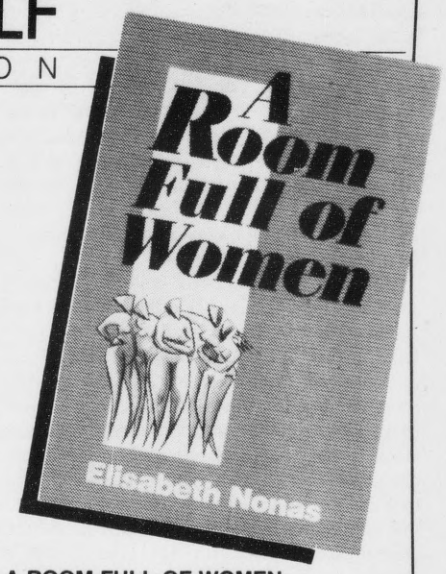
What's interesting is that the issue of being gay over being straight was ultimately less important to the kids than the notion of honesty and happiness within relationships. A good lesbian part-

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THE BOOKSHELF

BY BO HUSTON

Recommended Fiction



A ROOM FULL OF WOMEN
Elizabeth Nonas

(*Naiad,* paper, $9.95) The author of *For Keeps* here details the complex lives of two contemporary California lesbians—Blair and Natalie. The novel is thoughtful and insightful in its exploration of family, love, expectations and commitment.

I PASS LIKE NIGHT
Jonathan Ames

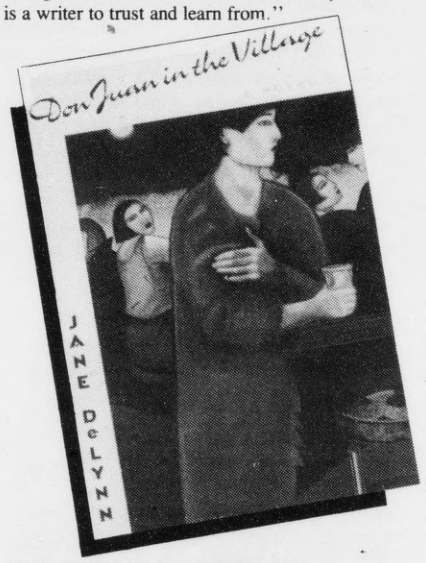
(*Vintage,* paper, $7.95) With penetrating, sharp prose, Ames chronicles the New York City night adventures of a lusty, antisocial doorman. Philip Roth called the novel's hero "a cross between Jean Genet and Holden Caulfield in the age of AIDS."

PALACE OF THE WHITE SKUNKS
Reinaldo Arenas

(*Viking,* hardcover, $19.95) Arenas, who died this December, was the author of the lyrical *Old Ross: Palace of the White Skunks*, the haunting tale of Cuba during the revolution and of a dreamy, troubled young man named Fortunato. This the much-anticipated second volume of his brilliant *Pentagonis* quintet.

THE QUESTIONS SHE PUT HERSELF
Maureen Brady

(*Crossing Press,* paper, $7.99) A collection of smart and stimulating short stories which chronicles the vision of this brilliant writer from the mid-'70s through the mid-'90s. Jane Rule said of Brady: "She is a writer to trust and learn from."



DON JUAN IN THE VILLAGE
Jane DeLynn

(*Pantheon,* hardcover, $19.95) The heroine of this provocative novel is cynical, self-deprecating, judgmental and difficult. A black comedy of sorts, detailing sexual urgency and urban alienation, DeLynn challenges the reader with her unique literary vision.

TANGLED UP IN BLUE
Larry Duplechan

(*St. Martin's,* paper, $9.95) *Publisher's Weekly* called Duplechan's third novel "arresting" and "heart-wrenching." It tells the story of the relationship between a straight married couple and their gay male friend, and insightfully examines the notions of trust and love.

IN AND OUT OF TIME: LESBIAN FEMINIST FICTION
Patricia Duncker, editor

(*Onlywomen,* paper, $9.95) A diverse and important anthology. In the foreword, Duncker writes: "The virtues of insolence, the refusal to conform to heterosexual cliche, are the hallmarks of Lesbian writing." Many complex issues—racism, classism, illness and sexuality—are explored and make this an intriguing, insightful fiction collection.

JACK
A. M. Homes

(*Vintage,* paper, $8.95) In this witty, bright story, it isn't the kid who comes out—it's the kid's father. The endearing title character represents a unique and significant contribution to the American literature of adolescence.

SOUTHBOUND
Sheila Ortiz Taylor

(*Naiad,* paper, $9.95) Favorite characters from Taylor's well-known *Faultline* return in this engaging sequel. Taylor's gifts for adventuresome, funny story-telling and rich characterization are in full force.

A VISITATION OF SPIRITS
Randall Kenan

(*Anchor,* paper, $9.95) Brilliantly chronicles four generations of a Southern African-American family, focusing on teenage Horace and his discovery of his homosexuality. Gloria Naylor said of Kenan: "He speaks in the voice of the future that is tinged with bittersweet love."

MODERN DAUGHTERS AND THE OUTLAW WEST
Melissa Kwasny

(*Spinsters,* paper, $9.95) This first novel is a rollicking, striking tale of many eccentric characters in a small Montana mining town.

SIDE BY SIDE
Isabel Miller

(*Naiad,* paper, $9.95) The setting is New York City, 1969, at a bar called the Stonewall Inn. Miller, author of the beloved *Patience and Sarah*, builds a moving story and a meaningful testament to the experience and strength of lesbians and gay men.

VALLEY OF THE SHADOWS
Christopher Davis

(*St. Martin's,* hardcover, $13.95) A simple story, beautifully told, of two young men with AIDS, their relationship and perspective on life. The *New York Native* called it "clear, solid, and emotionally strong throughout."

MAKING ROOM
Michael Tremblay

(*Serpent's Tail,* paper, $12.95) This novel is a reflection on attitudes and gay marriage. Tremblay, a well-known Canadian playwright, offers a smooth and intelligent account of two Quebecois gay men and their decision to settle down together.

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nership was seen as much more desirable than an antagonistic straight relationship, despite the socially easier arrangement of sanctified heterosexuality. The kids who originally lived with their mothers through a bad het marriage were much happier to see their mothers come out as lesbians when they perceived that it made their mothers happier. When a mom is in a good relationship with another woman and the relationship is stable, a kid can feel doubly blessed. As one little girl gleefully proclaimed: "Two moms is better than one."

However, a number of the children expressed great difficulties in adjusting to their mother's pursuit of happiness when it involved a string of different lovers. It seems that the kids suffer from the emotional strain of getting close to, and then losing, strong ties with their moms' lovers. Most of the kids, up until the gnarly years of teenage anger, seem to be very attached to and exceptionally close-knit with their mothers and their mothers' lovers and friends. Divorce, or breakups, as common as they've become in our culture at large, are still hard for kids to take. But that's true for gay or straight situations as well.

Different Mothers brings up many feelings around myriad social issues, including custody battles, split parent living arrangements, and lesbian separatism as it affects the children. It's instructive and fascinating to hear the opinions from the other end up. As for the children themselves, I wonder where Rafkin found them. As a sample, they were an interesting racially and culturally diverse mix, and the age spectrum of 5 to 40 worked well. A large proportion of the lesbian moms seemed to be politically active. I'm not sure whether it's because lesbians as a group (women who came out in the '70s and '80s) are more prone to activism or whether Rafkin's contacts who were willing to have their kids participate in the study were generally more politically conscious than a random sample of lesbians across the board.

Anyway, it doesn't matter a great deal. Rafkin has put together an ace anthology, letting the kids speak for themselves. There's no predetermined theory or categorizations which they are made to represent or define. Each kid has a different voice and a different style. That's what makes *Different Mothers* so eminently readable. Each of the 38 pieces is short and to the point. Rafkin has done the lesbian community a great service in chronicling this material. For anyone involved with kids or involved with a lesbian mother, as well as for lesbian mothers themselves and their kids, this book is a must to read.

A Home At The End of the World

By Michael Cunningham
Farrar Straus Giroux, 1990, $18.95

REVIEWED BY BO HUSTON

The very first words to be said about Michael Cunningham's novel, *A Home At The End of the World*, is that the writing is exquisite. It is without cliche, without formula. Every sentence is strung tightly, the descriptions are inventive and winning. It isn't often I find myself fully satisfied with the meaning and composition of a paragraph to the point where I sigh contentedly, but this happened many times while reading *A Home At The End of the World*.

Cunningham is by no means avant garde, and the story he's telling is not about risk or the edge. In fact he follows fairly traditional form and is dealing with ordinary lives, ordinary times and places, the broadest scope of family, death, growing up. He just does what he does very well. The publicity material claims he worked six years on the book. It shows.

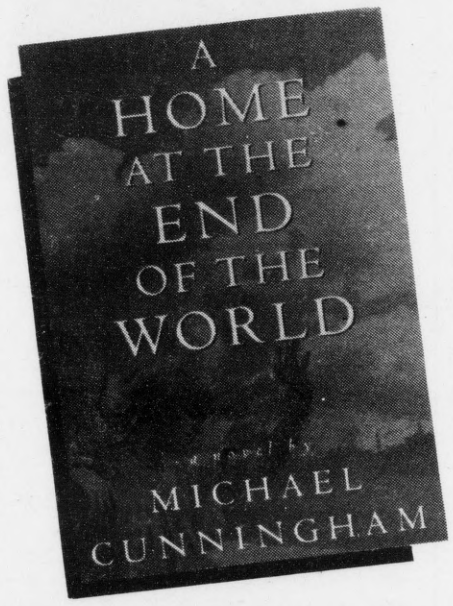
The progression of the story is revealed through different characters' voices. This technique is a difficult one to pull off; at points it is compelling and perfectly appropriate, at times it intrudes. The first-person narration in this case functions rather like a Broadway musical, requiring specific suspension of disbelief. We have to buy that Auntie Mame or Henry Higgins or the kids from *West Side Story* would, at a given moment, burst into song; and if we do buy that, we are carried wonderfully along with the story. Similarly, because the writing—Cunningham's voice—is so delicate and complex, we are asked to believe that his characters are equal to such fine verbal rendering of their impressions.

The novel begins as the story of two teenage boys in Cleveland, Ohio. They are opposites in many ways. Jonathan is bright, quiet, a loner, a dreamer, stifled and lost in a family who will not communicate with each other. Bobby lacks all verbal skills but possesses a moody, indescribable cool, he is all instinct; his family is marked by the accidental death of his hero-older brother. The boys are beautifully drawn, their attraction to each other makes perfect sense, and it is clear that this is to be a lifelong friendship. There is another significant character, and narrator, in the story of their adolescence: Jonathan's mother Alice. The character of Alice is particularly intriguing: Hers is testimony about unfulfilled expectations, about the limits of her rather stale life with her husband, about growing up, growing old.

This first part of the novel is an elegant wash of sad familiarity, rich description of their grey midwestern, urban landscape, and the small gestures and images of the boys' friendship. They do have sex, but it will turn out that Bobby is straight and Jonathan is gay.

Jonathan leaves Cleveland for New York City where he pursues a career and the gay life—if not love, then sex. Bobby stays behind, unhappy and brainsoaked with pot, and develops a curious relationship with Jonathan's parents, finally moving in with them. Jonathan hooks up with Clare, who becomes another narrator—"I wanted a settled life and a shocking one. Think of Van Gogh. I wanted to be loved by someone like my tough judicious mother and I wanted to run screaming through the headlights with a bottle in my hand." She is full of dark humor, willful and cynical.

It is a hard job to pull passages from this novel, so many shine. Clare describing the changes she observes in herself after she becomes a mother:



"I never expected this, a love so ravenous it's barely personal. A love that displaces you, pushes you out of place."

Jonathan, relating his last visit with his father, strained and difficult: "Unfamiliar insects produced a soft but insistent chirp, a crisp-whir like the sound the earth itself might make rolling through the darkness if we all kept quiet enough to hear it... For a moment I could imagine what it would be like to be a ghost—to walk forever through a silence deeper than silence, to apprehend but never quite reach the lights of home."

Early in the book, Alice describes a gradual, odd friendship she cultivates with her son Jonathan and his distant, hip friend Bobby. They begin inviting her into Jonathan's room to listen to records. Alice is at once attracted to and repelled by their lazy world of rock music and marijuana, wishing to keep connected to her son. She dances with Bobby a few times to Laura Nyro tunes, and her visits end in her sharing a joint with the boys.

> Sometimes in those days I thought of Wendy from *Peter Pan*—an island mother to a troop of lost boys. I didn't make an outright fool of myself. I didn't buy gauzy skirts or Indian jewelry or sandals from Mexico. I didn't let my hair grow long and wild. But there was a different feeling now. I had a new secret, a better one. Previously, my only secrets had been the facts that I feared sex and could not summon any interest in getting to know our neighbors. I'd felt frail and thin to the point of translucence, an insubstantial figure who got headaches from the cold and sinus infections from the heat. But this new secret was buoying, exhilarating—I would be the scandal of the neighborhood if I was found out. The secret warmed me as I passed along the aisles of the supermarket. I was a mother who got stoned with her son. The local women—big women loading their wire carts with marshmallows and ice cream, with bright pink luncheon meats and sugared cereals—would have considered me unfit, scandalous, degenerate. I felt young and slender, full of devious promise. There would be a life after Cleveland.

The passage above illustrates the many dimensions of Cunningham's characters, the contradictions, quirks, attitudes and insight. If there is a "problem" with *A Home At The End of the World*, it is that all of the writing is so shaded and textured; there is no distinction between the characters' articulation, the language of their narrative accounts are not accurate to who they are. Here is where the reader's suspension of disbelief is called for. This flaw was only really troublesome to me in the second part of the book, during the sections narrated by Bobby. He is described by all of the other characters as extremely passive and tongue tied, and yet his first-person voice is as fluent and brilliant as the rest of the narrative.

I call this dynamic a flaw, and that's fair; but Cunningham's use of this form does not in any way diminish the power and beauty of the novel. It's like when Henry Higgins starts to sing...

A Home At The End of the World establishes full, intriguing characters, follows them through their most tender and most troublesome times without manipulating the reader or dipping lazily into sentimentality. The structure of the book allows us to watch each character take hesitant, faltering steps in their lives—moving toward resolution, toward safety, toward meaning, toward solidarity with each other, moving, indeed, toward some idea of home.

Lesbian Bedtime Stories 2

"Gathered" by Terry Woodrow
Tough Dove Books, 1990, $9.95

REVIEWED BY GRETA CHRISTINA

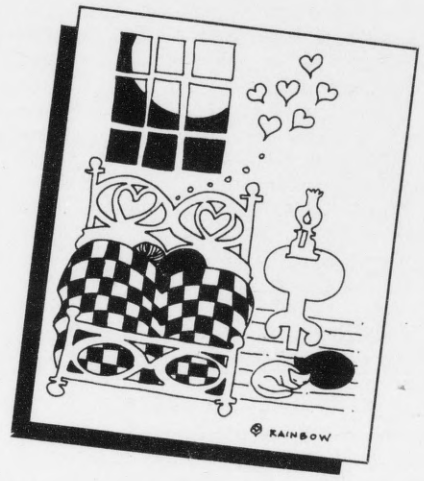
When I was asked to review *Lesbian Bedtime Stories 2*, I said sure. Hot title, right? Good potential to be amusing. I remembered that I'd picked up the first volume and put it down without finishing it, but maybe I just hadn't given it a fair chance. So I gave this one a chance. And hated it. Hated it, hated it, hated it. It was excruciating. I haven't had to finish wading through a book that I hated since I left school.

Each of the stories in this collection is introduced with a one-word description, telling you what category it falls into. Erotica. Fantasy. Humor. Etc. Now, you might not think that you'd need these little pocket definitions. If the story makes you laugh, it's humorous; if it takes you to another world, it's fantastic; if it turns you on, it's erotic. Right? Except that I did in fact find myself turning to the front of the stories, trying to find out what the hell they were supposed to be. Oh, I'd say to myself, it says humor. I guess it was supposed to be funny. Except that it wasn't. It wasn't funny. It wasn't hot, it wasn't moving, it wasn't inspiring. It was dull. It was cliched. It was insipid. It stank on ice. It was dreadful. Dreadful, dreadful, dreadful.

In fact, this book is worse than dreadful—it's mediocre.

And don't think that I'm praising with faint damns by saying that. I firmly believe that a grandiose flop is a more noble beast than a bland mediocrity. I'd rather see a writer take a risk and blow it big than please the crowd by playing it safe. Just about every story in this collection plays it safe. The erotic stories try so hard to be sweet and beautiful that they forget to be hot and sexy. The humorous stories are nice and polite and smiley and completely lack the keen edge that makes something funny. The relationship stories want to prove that lesbianism is beautiful and shunt aside hard realities of lesbian relationships. Hard realities, painful truths, have no place in this collection.

What's worse, the editor (or "gatherer," as she calls herself), with her choice of stories, has played it even more safe than the writers. "All editing was done on a consensual basis," says Woodrow, and, "We received so many fine stories that by the end the selection process began to seem nearly arbitrary." (Great. Consensual, nearly arbitrary editing. You know, even though I'm a writer and know what a wrenching pain in the ass it can be to have your work fucked with, I think the idea of consensual editing seriously misses the mark.) It seems that the point of the



collection is to prove how marvelous and likeable and talented and groovy lesbians are, and not to showcase exceptional lesbian writing.

To be fair, the book isn't trying to be a masterpiece; its stated intention is to provide stories that "have happy endings and truly reflect the nature of our lives." But this intention seems to me to be contradictory at best—the stories of our lives don't all have happy endings—and shallow at worst. There are more valuable and, for that matter more interesting, pursuits for writers and editors than "providing easy, non-stressful reading for just before bed."

What makes this book even more frustrating is how its context affects the one or two really good stories in the collection. Yes, I did actually enjoy a couple of them, and one in particular stood out like a friend's voice in a crowd of strangers. "Unlikely Places" by Ann Tabachnikov, a story of a Jewish lesbian's travels in Germany, had that rare quality—a piece of fiction that feels utterly true. And yet, the fact that I knew the story would have a happy ending just like all the others in the book seriously detracted from the sense that the characters had free, unpredictable lives of their own.

I'm sorry if I seem irritable and hard to please. There's just a certain style of "by lesbians and for lesbians" writing that I've seen an awful lot of and am heartily sick of. It's the stuff about lesbians, or lesbianism, or the lesbian experience, and isn't about a character who *is* a lesbian. Politically, I've had too much of straights saying all queers are alike to want to hear from lesbians about "the lesbian experience." Aesthetically... well, maybe I'm a hidebound old fogey, but I feel good stories are driven by the characters in them, not by the author conveying some message about Life, The Universe, And Everything.

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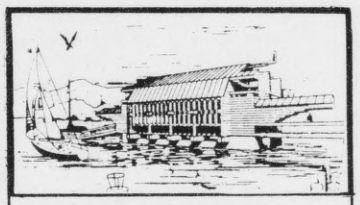
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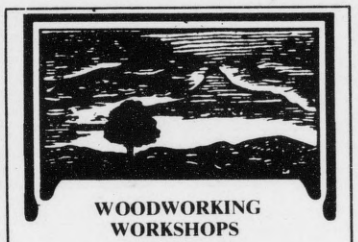
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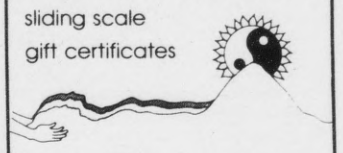
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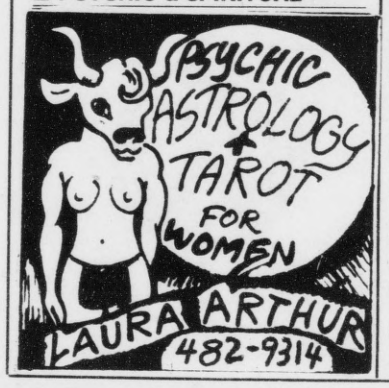
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Not all the good ones have been taken or gotten away. This 35 year old hopeless romantic is searching for the love of her life. Not "drop dead gorgeous" but my friends think I'm pretty darn cute. I love to play (indoors or out), laugh 'til it hurts, cuddle, kiss and caress, cry at a good movie, sip champagne on ice and eat chocolate dipped strawberries in bed. Above all else I value honesty, sincerity and giving and receiving "warm fuzzies". I'm hoping to find that special someone to share all that life has to offer and to discover in one another all that we have to offer. Maybe the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true...Reply BT Box JA9 or call ★★1387.

Attractive Asian Woman
Unique and genuine, positive thinker, gifted in encouraging others to be strong and self-supporting. I'm 40, 5' 2", 120, light brown/green eyes, and long black hair. Dancing, the great outdoors, traveling, Alpine skiing are just a few of my interests. I'm inquisitive, willing to try new things. Users of any vices forget it! Reply Boxholder PO Box 20515, Oak, CA 94620-0515 or call ★★1388.

"A Lesbian Limerick"
There is a wounderful dyke from the City, who wants friendship and fun with someone witty. We like long walks and movies. You think my jokes are groovy. When we makie love the birds all sing ditties. We also enjoy flea markets, the arts, talks, music, animals and watching sports. I'm in my mid-forties and I can't wait to meet you. Reply BT Box JA10 or call ★★1389.

OK, OK I admit it...
My last primary relationship was with my cat, but I feel ready to move on. Here is my wish list: you are smart, funny, nice and willing to spend time getting to know me. I am in my mid-thirties, an overly-educated graduate student living in the East Bay, and no-I am not yet financially stable, but I have great potential. I enjoy reading, good conversation, listening to music, watching movies (usually dumb ones), hiking/backpacking, and much more. Reply BT Box JA11.

Just a feeling...
that my lover-to-be is a dedicated artist, in her 30's, who is an Aries (or possibly Libra, Virgo, Capicorn, Cancer). She probably has a large, sweet dog. She herself is a small, sweet lesbian. Quite possibly she is here from New York City or Europe, may be Jewish or Afro-American. More hippie like than fancy, she loves SF and is definitely healthy, pretty, physically fit, ready to really love and be really loved. Reply BT Box JA12.

Let's Fall In Love
I want it all: deep and fierce, tender and still, mystical, creative, honest, courageous, emotional, playful, wise and ordinary. Let's go slow-

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ly and build a solid base of trust, growth and monagamy. I'm strong, perceptive, experienced, independent and able to be intimate. Non-smokers with strong sense of yourself, good boundaries and communication skills. Prefer over 35 and ethnic but open to all possibilities. Reply BT Box JA13 or call ★★1390.

Handsome Dinosaur Seeks Dinosauress

Are you proud to be a Lesbian? Do you enjoy spending Holidays together? Would you like taking pictures of the moon from the roof and dancing close in a cozy corner? My woman says "She can't give me what I need". So it's back to the drawing board. If you're ultra fem and like sharing of yourself Reply BT Box JA14 or call ★★1391.

Serious Fun

I'm single, 35, creative musician living with one charming cat (East Bay). Interested in friendships, dating with someone self-actualized, clean and sober, monogamous and who is comfortable with their body. Health intelligence, limitless sense of humor, artistic pursuits, eccentricity, spirituality, live performance and risk taking are important. No S&M. Reply BT Box JA15 or call ★★1392.

Have You Seen Her?

She is very attractive, intelligent, caring, honest, loves people,, has great sense of humor. She is 25-40 yrs. old, androgynous or soft butch. If you should see her tell her I've been cooking for her. I'm attractive gay white female, 35, intelligent, androgynous, honest, fun, loving, with a variety of interests. Friendships are important too. Light smoker or drinker OK. Let's talk. Reply BT Box JA16 or call ★★1393.

All Natural—No Preservatives

Are you a rare and unique woman who is for real, true and honest? Are you employed, smoker, light drinker, and not into roles? How about music (soul/house, m.rock-only), sense of humor, getting wild & crazy? Are you spontaneous? A romantic into long-wet passionate kisses and monogamy? Be 25-30 (I'm 25/Aries), over an ex, no games or B.S. East Bay. Reply BT Box JA17 or call ★★1394.

Looking for a Lover

Also interested in making new friends. My criteria: can you just hang out? Think of fun things to do & do things the other one wants to do? Tolerate smoke? Do you like to talk on the phone? Dance? Walk on the beach? Kiss? Talk? Laugh? Communicate warmly, openly, honestly? Are you: Perceptive, sensitive, insightful, compassionate? Funny? Independent? Can you be intimate? I have two daughters, one adult with children, one in High School—Can you relate? I hope so! I am still missing being a lover, a companion, a confidant and your heart's desire. Reply BT Box JA18 or call ★★1395.

War and Peace

It's time for love, not hostilities and I want to greet the golden age with someone special and/or loving friends. If you are a gentle spirit, intellectual, passionate, down-to-earth, emotionally/fianancially responsible, into self-discovery, you'll find I am the same and more. I enjoy jazz (not C/W), nature, movies, the arts, making love, quiet times, dancing, writing and travel. I'm ready for love. Are you ready to share in it? Prefer over 35 woman of color, androgynous, soft butch/strong fem, no subtance abusers. All replies welcome. Boxholder, PO Box 21141, Oakland 94620 or call ★★1396.

Still Shy But Willing to Try

39 yr. old SF professional lesbian-musical-seeks dating/romance. Other interests: computer programming, photography, languages/linguistics, reading, my cat. Like to sing. Considerate, gentle, intelligent. Want SF financially stable woman 30-45, non-smoker preferred, no drugs or alcohol, warm, with music in you. Reply BT Box JA19 or call ★★1398.

Are You Ready...

to fall in love? We will know intuitively, be mutually & simultaneously attracted to each other's unique beauty. Don't you think it's possible to enjoy ease, intimacy, passion, respect, friendship and to be attached yet independent? I want to be moved, intrigued, challenged, appreciated. Key to our connection is balance in all ways, giving and receiving love, its expression. An intellectual whose heart and mind are in sync is appealing. I love mystery, beauty, music, books, kissing, sex, walking, running, talking and not talking. I hate dogma, closed minds and processing life away. Please write me if all the above fits/clicks and if you are free of the past as haunting/obstructionistic, (ie. family, ex-lovers, trauma) and if you are unusual, creative, fun, physically fit, healthy and attractive and very kind. Tell me what moves you; why you are responding to this ad. Thanks. Reply BT Box JA20.

Surely This Includes You

Thoughtful, introspective lesbian (bi-friendly) seeks women for companionship, inspiration and romance. I am genuinely sweet, loyal, optimistic by nature, cheerful, fun-loving, slightly butch of center. I don't smoke or use drugs (except occasional light alcohol). Progressive politics and living conscientiously are important to me; so are open-mindedness and approaching people non-judgementally. I'm 31, medium height, medium-slender build, a student in a professional school. Looking for buddies and potential lovers of any race, age 20-45 or so, who might like to read, massage, listen to the radio (KPFA fan?), walk, exercise, talk Spanish, have passionate, wonderful sex, share ideas, or go to Pt. Reyes with me. All replies answered; non-cynics especially encouraged. Reply BT Box JA21.

Hey, Get a Load of These Adjectives

I'm looking for a woman who is: smart, funny, talkative, irreverant, outgoing, independent, eccentric, honest, ethical, sane (not overdependent on therapy), healthy and good looking, between the ages of 26 and 40, who is doing something interesting and creative with her life. In my humble opinion, I am all of the above. 32 years old shiksa artist with an eclectic taste in music, especially the Blues, likes going to strange foreign films almost as gabbing about them afterwords, long aimless walks, bike rides, flea markets, museums, etc. Rapidly approaching my prime. Let's go to Slim's, Eli's or the Roxy. If you like home cooking, I make one hell of a TV dinner. I blush easily, so save those hot, wet letters for some other time.Reply BT Box JA22.

Ocular Passion

Is romance with realism, passion without blindness possible? I'd like top try. I'm 35, a professional, physically fit, attractive, very bright, midway of fem/butch, stable yet not stuck, spiritual and fun. I'm looking for companionship, friends and, in time, the love of my life. Enjoying the outdoors is an important common interest; beyond that, complements as well as clones are encouraged to reply. Tell me about yourself and your passions. No smokers. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 778, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1389.

Marry Me & Let's Live Happily Ever After

Or let's just get together to have a good time. I am seeking a woman to be my lover, friend, travel companion who is also a fellow movie fiend & sports enthusiast. Age & looks are not as important as a good nature, sense of humor, love of life & an enery level equal to mine. I'm 29, 5' 5" & pleasingly plump, but very athletic. I have eyes of green & hair of rust with average looks. I love dining out, breakfast in bed (I actually love most things in bed) & hanging out with my friends. I am a good friend, a passionate lover & a true romantic. I am ready to be generous with my time & my heart. Reply BT Box JA23 or call ★★1399.

East Bay Romantic

Are you comfortable with who you are and your life in general...I am looking to meet another "whole" person who is loving, communicative, honest, and between 35-45. I enjoy walking my dog, camping, massage, meeting other kindred spirits, the Far Side, Cher, movies, music, dancing, hiking, meditation...non-smokers encouraged. Please call & tell me what you enjoy. Reply BT Box JA24 or call ★★1400.

Looking for a Love

GBF looking for GAF, GWF, or GBF for a relationship filled with fun and honesty. I'm 5' 6", 140 lbs. and 43 yrs. old. I wear makeup but like to do men's stuff (fish, ballgames) as well as shop for that special occasion. If you're headed for forty or are already there and know who you are and have a job, call me. No twelve steppers need apply. Reply BT Box JA25 or call ★★1401.

Still Searching for Love

After 20 years of dating, relationships and broken hearts, I still believe in love and sharing my life with one woman. I'm 40, 5' 2", 130 lbs., non-butch and active. Maybe I'm too romantic, adventurous, zany and loving for women. If you can feel comfortable with me, are 35 or older, nonbutch, affectionate and physically active, please write about yourself. Reply BT Box JA26 or call ★★1402.

Not Desperately Seeking

But would like to meet some good-looking physically fit, and intelligent women who are lovers of life. I am open to dating or potential friendships. I am 26 y.o. career-oriented, bodybuilder, good-looking and would be interested in meeting fun or funny women with similar interests. Don't write if: you want to be a man, don't care about your weight, or have no sense of humor. Reply BT Box JA27 or call ★★1403.

Someone to lay down beside me...

or just go to a ballgame. E.B. lesbian 31, loves sorts, Shakespeare, Star Trek, hiking, horses, music, dancing, and occasional romancing. Not looking for marriage, but not ruling it out. Miss having someone to share my time and dreams with. Take a chance on me, let's walk around the lake or root for the Niners. Reply BT Box JA28 or call ★★1404.

Desirous

Horny, earthy, artsy, energetic, foreign, intelligent, attractive (versatile on the butch/femme issue) woman would like to meet a woman with some or all of these qualities, preferably you are between 30-40 yrs. old, don't drink or smoke, and don't let your hang-ups hang you up—especially regarding sex. Reply BT Box JA29 or call ★★1405.

Simply Wonderful Lesbian

Seeking simply wonderful lesbian to share laughter, passion and irreverence. Bright, fit, attractive, 35-45, strong willed. Emotionally and physically available score major points. A passion for life and commitment to enjoying every moment a must. Call or write but..."say what you mean, mean what you say." Reply BT Box JA30 or call ★★1406.

Tall Sexy Blonde

Beautiful, fun, fem, avante-garde, 33, is looking for a strong and assertive dyke (butch) with plenty of libido and a sense of adventure. Extra points for boots, and black leather. Age, weight and race not important (attitude is). ★★1407.

Seps

If I don't answer the phone, I'm probably out swimming or watching an art flick. I tried PC and flunked. Let's get together for politics or art. If ou only have time for women, I want to meet you. ★★1408.

Looking for friends

I'd like to meet honest and sincere women who no longer consider being with men, romantically and/or sexually, an option. I need a few good lesbian friends to validate my identity and experiences as a lesbian. I'd like to meet your friends too—you can bring one along! I appreciate individual differences. Reply Boxholder 192351, SF 94119-2351.

Righteous Black Lesbian

seeks the same. To qualify you must know, understand and practice the difference between just sleeping with women and being a true lesbian. I am a 33 year young, professional, warm, sensitive black lesbian with an engaging smile and a sense of humor. I believe in taking care of my body, both physically and spiritually. You are 27-35 feminine, like to laugh and are open to the idea and practice of a long term relationship which is based on honesty and friendship. Righteous black lesbians only respond to 484 Lake Park Ave., Box 46, Oakland, CA 94610 or call ★★1409.

Indigo Girls, Julie Andrews, Sinead O'Connor

Passionate discussions, sushi, cappacino, open minds, burritos, films, off the wall humor/ideas, challenges, spirituality, irreverence, Bonnie Raitt, sex, creativity, athletic endeavors, honesty, compassion, imagination, philosophy, new experiences. These are a few of my favorite things, what are yours? Drop me a line-let's have coffee. Reply BT Box JA31.

In Search of Bun-Buns

Once upon a time, a Libra Cupid went in search of Princess Charming. Viola! On a cool October evening, the two came upon each other in a Russian restaurant. Cupid's little heart melted when the beautiful Princess gazed at her with deep, gentle blue eyes. Hey, Bun-Bun, I look forward to more fun times with you in 1991! Happy New Year, sweetie. Love, Cupid.

Cha Cha Cha

Funny, attra .ive green-eyed woman, 33 years old, seekin sister explorers in the San Francisco area. Danc ng, cafes and fun. Are you spiritually and sensually focused? Act now. Reply BT Box JA32 or call ★★1410.

Full of TLC

Faithful, sincere, independent, pro, animal lovin', down to earth, outdoor interests, attractive, fun lovin' 30 y.o. looking for friends, dates, lover. Prefer similar. Honesty, sense of humor a must. Please no smokers/drugs. Considerate, liberal, "sporty fem" peace mongers, sports fans get xtra points. Reply BT Box JA33 or call ★★1411.

To Treat a Beautiful Woman

I'm looking for a complicated, passionate, powerful androgynous woman who longs to be admired for her intellect as well as her physical attributes. I'm like a fine, mature wine waiting to dazzle that special woman. If you think you can handle unabated attentiveness, let me know who you are. If you "open" me, I'll show you how I like "to treat a beautiful woman." Photo appreciated, smoking is not. Reply BT Box JA34 or call ★★1412.

Lesbian Role Playing Games?

No, not butch/femme or top/bottom...I'm thinking more of the Dungeons and Dragons variety with a lesbian twist. Something like the Free Amazons of Darkover? Looking for other dykes into gaming, and especially someone interested in running a campaign. Oh, and I'm single. Reply BT Box JA35 or call ★★1413.

I Don't Care

about your height, weight, hair color, religion, job, hobbies, or butch/femme rating. I do care about your sanity, values, attractiveness, passion, warmth, energy, flexibility, and age (over 30 please). I'm a successful, self-employed, professional, 43, financially/emotionally stable. Understand myself, appreciate other people and able to have relationships. Enjoy the usual cultural pursuits and willing to try just about anything. No heavy drinkers or smokers. Reply BT Box JA36 or call ★★1414.

Let's Meet in 1991!

I'd like to start the New Year by meeting someone special. Since I'm kind of shy, I thought this might be a good way. I am blonde w/blue eyes, 25, tall, feminine. I like sports, dancing, running, the Denver Broncos, the Simpsons, Stephen King and quiet nights in front of the fire. I'd like to meet a woman of similar age and interests who's tall, feminine, funny, attractive and sensitive. If you think we share some common interests or if you're another displaced Bronco fan, let's meet. It could be a great start to a New Year. Reply BT Box JA37 or call ★★1415.

Travel Partner Wanted

Teacher, 26, looking for someone to travel with this summer approx. 6/15-8/25 for up to 7 weeks; am interested in going to Africa, Central/South America or Asia. Budget-wise only, I'm easy going and flexible-open to interesting ideas. Reply BT Box JA38 or call ★★1416.

I'll Meet You Halfway

If you will share in the nurturing of our meeting, friendship, and much more. Deeply conscious, intelligent, assertive, truthteller, risktaking, Firesign of 36 seeks lesbians of open heart and spirit to share the Adventure of Life. Emotionally stable and nonaddictive. Open to numerous interests, C&W dancing, music, skiing among the trees, exquisite food and wine, passion, and especially to your reply. Please, no tobacco. Reply BT Box JA39 or call ★★1417.

Come Play With Me

Rather dominant top seeks real fiesty bottom. I am attracted to pretty women, who are confident, enjoy life, generally optomistic and do not carry guilt as baggage. I am tall, fit, attractive and happy with my life. You should love expressing your sexuality as part of a relationship based on trust and acceptance. No twelve steppers please. I'll disclose my bad habits in exchange for yours. Reply BT Box JA40 or call ★★1418.

Fun Loving and Politically Aware

I'm a 40 year old working-class East Bay graduate student. I'm politically conscious and love the outdoors (hiking, bicycling, swimming, camping-alone and with others). Important qualities: sense of humor, growth, independence, open honest communication, adventurousness. I've traveled extensively worldwide, love children's books, fingerpainting, roller-coasters, and river rafting. Looking for friendship or more. No smokers or heavy drinkers. Reply BT Box JA41 or call ★★1419.

Valentines' Salsa

My Valentine and I met through these personals and want to celebrate with a Salsa party "progressive dinner" (meal hopping). Come in on this with us, as there seem to be few opportunities out there for women-only salsa dancing. Write with suggestions and at least one offering for the party's itinerary: a potluck meal, a location, dance lessons, your own music, sauna, sailboat, and/or carpooling, etc. Reply BT Box JA42 or call ★★1420.

You and Me?

You: Attractive, straight looking, athletic, intelligent and professional; stable, humorous, outgoing yet calming; value friends and family, democratic, friendly, fun to be with, sociable but not obnoxious, romantic, down to earth, very attractive, well liked, 24-30 yo, weekends off, at least 5' 6". Me: GWF, mature 26 yo, professional and similar to description above. No: Drugs, heavy alcohol, workaholics, negative attitudes or depression. Please write & tell me about you! Reply BT Box JA43 or call ★★1421.

This Is It

If you are truly attractive (no guessing or doubts) this ad is for you. A warm smile, balance of heart, mind and body are qualities we both possess. Nice lips, Italians and women with dark hair make me drool, though I find beauty in all forms. I prefer an athletic, trim non-smoker, light drinker with a quick wit and intelligent mind. My hobbies range from cycling and dancing to foreign films and playing chess. Foggy Sundays spent indoors (bagels, 49ers, pink section) are my favorite, though nothing beats a sunny day outdoors. I am and hope that you are a serious disciple of honesty, directness and all around self-improvement. If you are confident, 23-36 yrs., have a sense of humor and believe in asking for what you want you might wish to meet this 5' 5", 116 lbs. androgynous woman who has clear brown eyes, curly dark hair, soft brown skin (Afro/German/Indian/Spanish decent) is 30 yrs. young and too cute for words. If so please Reply BT Box JA44 or call ★★1422.

Let the 90's Begin

Success is the quality of your journey. Sag seeks high-tech, new age travel companion on the road of success. My paths cross architectural, writing comedy, public speaking, media, alternative health and energy fields. My deepest commitment is achieving and teaching peak potential to women through positive experiences. Personal sharing and caring are natural results. Believe in emotional responsibility? direct and honest communication? vulnerability and passion for life? Chemical free? Between 32 and 47? call or write—I'll call—together we decide if we want to meet. Reply BT Box JA45 or call ★★1423.

Seeking Femmes to Date

You're a straight looking (but not acting!) pretty femme between 30-35 years old or so and you don't play games. You like to talk from the heart, you're sharp witted, sometimes intense, sometimes playful and you work on knowing yourself. You also have a thing for soft, handsome, educated, butches who are artistic, emotional and all of the above. No smokers please. Reply 2215R Market St., #804, SF 94114.

Hold Your Own

and so hold me. I'd like to meet a mature, self-possessed, strong, sensitive, honest, intelligent, funny, fit, attractive, dynamic woman (mid-late 40s) with whom to spend time, share interests, and patiently grow into exquisite loverhood. I am 42, of French-Irish descent, bright, funny, good-looking, multifaceted, feminine-of-center, imaginative, intensely emotional, earthy, energetic, expressive, compassionate...and longing for the tender taming touch of a woman of experience, wisdom, and unpretentious refinement. Our diverse array of experience and interests keeps us culturally, socially and politically attuned...savy about the world yet unspoiled by the sway of its alluring illusions. Our dynamism creates sparks and keeps us vibrant, but we also choose occasional solitude and independence...and antiques over high tech; comforters over electric blankets; literature, music, art (even sports...) over Nintendo and Nordstrom (but if we have to shop we do it there); invention over convention; avant-garde over Hollywood blockbuster; country escapes over city confines; occasional defensive dining over constant chic cuisine; traveling over just talking about it. Neither wants to sugar-mamma or be sugar-babied. Non-negotiable items: being non-smoking, drug-free, light alcohol-using, financially secure, monogamous, intelligent, funny, attractive, and fundamentally decent. Negotiable items: when and where we meet (and later, how we insert the toilet paper on the spool...). Knowing what we want is half the prerequisite: compatibility and chemistry the other half. Let me know something core about you. I may not know you...but I wish you a Happy New Year. Reply BT Box JA46.

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and I believe it still exists! How about: candlelit dinners (in or out), nature walks, heart-to-heart talks and sensual intimacy (if the chemistry is right)? GWF, 38, 5' 3", 128, native midwesterner; shy, but I open up with right coaxing, and absolutely love being a kid. I'm athletic, enjoy Club Q, Amelia's, etc.; watch sci-fi, adventure and comedy movies. Music tastes vary: 60s-70s, modern rock, some rap, harpsichord and chamber music. Community-involved (BACW/CUAV, etc.). Would love to meet energetic woman, 28-42, nonsmoker, respnsible drinker, who believes in monogamy, sensuality, honesty and communication. Love is a risk: what if it doesn't work out? But, oh...what if it DID??? Reply BT Box JA47 or call ★★1424.

Cold Nights, Warm Heart
Looking for someone who'll warm your heart (among other things)? This mid-30s GWF loves to share simpler pleasures: sunsets, touches, spontaneous get-aways, hot cider on a rainy day, a view from Twin Peaks, home cooking, Sunday papers, motorcycle rides (and lots more), how about you? I'm large (but solid and agile), fairly handsome, strong and gentle (sort of a lesbian John Goodman), considerate, athletic; into laughter, singing, songwriting, bowling, golf, swimming, softball, tennis, all kinds of creativity, occasional wine/weed. I'm monogamously inclined, but until then, would love to share long hugs, cuddling and/or meaningful intimacy with a special friend. If you're 25-40, adventurous, love to spoil and be spoiled, athletic (at least sports-tolerant), sometimes shy (like I am) but know how to express your needs and desires, let's share the warmth! Boxholder, PO Box 218, Daly City 94016 or call ★★1584.

Worldly Spiritual Seeker Seeks Needle in Haystack
I've been to India 3 times. Why? Am I nuts? I've asked myself that same question many times, but I've gone anyway because I study under a spiritual master who lives there. So here's my dilemma: On the one hand, I could talk about metaphysics till the cows come home. But on the other hand, I love to go out dancing 'till dawn. I love the wilderness, but if you've got ballet tickets I'd be delighted to go! Candlelight dinners or movies and popcorn. Discussing psychology and philosophy, washing the car, taking the dog to the vet...you could say I'm "a multi-purpose woman". Both romantic AND useful. I wear both skirts and jeans—though not simultaneously. I'm monogamous, don't smoke, don't do drugs. I definitely do want to communicate. At 34, I've been around the block (and around the world)—I know even love doesn't conquer all without common interests. This is my first ad, but I've often thought my relationships would have worked better if we had met via resume ("just the facts, ma'am") instead of that darned initial attraction...if you know what I mean. Ahem. And, if you're still reading this epic ad, maybe you're the kind of woman I've been looking for in all the wrong places. I admit I'm asking for alot: Finding an intelligent, irreverant, adventurous, funny, romantic, spiritual, feminist, communicative, nonsmoking, monogamous, AND UNATTACHED woman is definitely looking for a needle in a haystack...but...miracles can be created, n'est-ce-pas? I'm sure I'll surprise you—so give me a call and surprise me ★★1585.

Travel Companion Wanted
For June and July on a low-budget trip to Italy and Greece. My intention is not to be a tourist, but to absorb local color and simply enjoy the experience of travel, and learning about different cultures. Come bask in the sun of the Greek islands and walk the streets of Rome with someone who believes in getting the most out of each moment in a lifetime! Reply BT Box JA48 or call ★★1586.

Warm, Toasty
Femme wanted by this fun-loving yet practical, feeling yet logical, 40+ non-femme. Please have: sense of humor & creativity; appreciation for harmony & the sharing of ideas & feelings, & value intuition, honesty & loyalty. Would like to share: enjoying the coast, getaways, walks, movies, skiing, music of the 40's, 50's & C&W, tasty foods, romantic evenings of cuddles & passion. I make lists, research & plan; you are a dreamer, excited by the unknown. No smokers. Reply BT Box JA49 or call ★★1587.

I Have Everything...
I need except a good fuck! Big, Scorpio, strong butch with car, home, money, time, degree, friends, self-respect and lots of love seeks a good lay in SF. Common interests are nice but not a prerequisite. I like jazz, movies, talk. Prefer small to medium sized women—any race, ages 29-40 in SF or East Bay. Will tolerate almost anything except husbands, herpes and manics. Smoke/drink and empty calories are OK. Call or write and tell me why you want to go to bed with me! Reply BT Box JA50 or call ★★1588.

Not a Mix-and-Match Lesbian
Recovering suburbanite, 32 of modest but increasing means and broad interests, moderately athletic, musical, and semi-literate, left-brained but feelingful, candid, healthy, and with puckish good looks and a quirky intellectual bent that often elicits blank stares, seeks partner who is not a Xerox of herself. I collect rocks and concepts. My humor ranges from adolescent to bog-of-consciousness bizarre, and 'though I have a tendency to be self-critical and over-serious at times, I'm cultivating my compensatory giggle. I have an eye (my third?) for the absurd and incongruous. I love my friends. Please don't be confused by my apparent reserve; I am secretly affectionate and sexually adventurous. And, weary both of solitude and ambivalent inapropos near-relationships with, alas, very nice women, I cheerfully admit I'm ready to meet my match. I want to create a family, probably including children. In a companion, I seek warmth, independence, interdependence, flexibility, imagination, humor, a little moxie, and a carnal nature. I've always been particularly captivated by that rare alchemical mix of open goodheartedness and intelligence-beyond-intellect. I like lines of character and expression more than conventional beauty. Frailties are OK. On the petty side, I'm a stickler for good personal hygiene, thank you. And, to me, crystals are SiO_2. The reward of patience is patience; how then should you respond to this stark typeset invitation? Reply BT Box JA51.

Yo Homegirl!
everybody dance now! yes I love 2 sweat! Serious dancer wants 2 get down on the dance floor. I am tall, attractive, 28, in2 hiphop, rap, funk, afrikan rhythyms & the natural flow of life. I would like 2 meet a tall good-lookin' loving woman btwn 25-35 who loves & takes care of herself, no addicts, abusers, S/M, eggheads, or hard-core butch dykes. peace. Reply BT Box JA52 or call ★★1589.

A Shot in the Dark?
But let's take it shâll we? We want it all perhaps, but can and do know our own limitations, as well as in other. Have complete lives but, sharing our inner child would enhance life. Let's express our passion for life, witt, humor, intelligence, sensitive communication. And our search for balance with that someone we hope to call partner/friend/lover. Me: professional emotional present but must retain my individualism in order to continue to grow in a relationship. Non smoker please. Reply BT Box JA53 or call ★★1590.

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TV-TS Wanted
By very masculine Bi married W/M 40, 6", 200#, Brn Hair & eyes, attractive, dominant. You should be feminine, passable, and attracted to straight men. Wife could also be available for 3-some (but not necessarily). Reply Boxholer 564 Mission, Box 326, SF 94105.

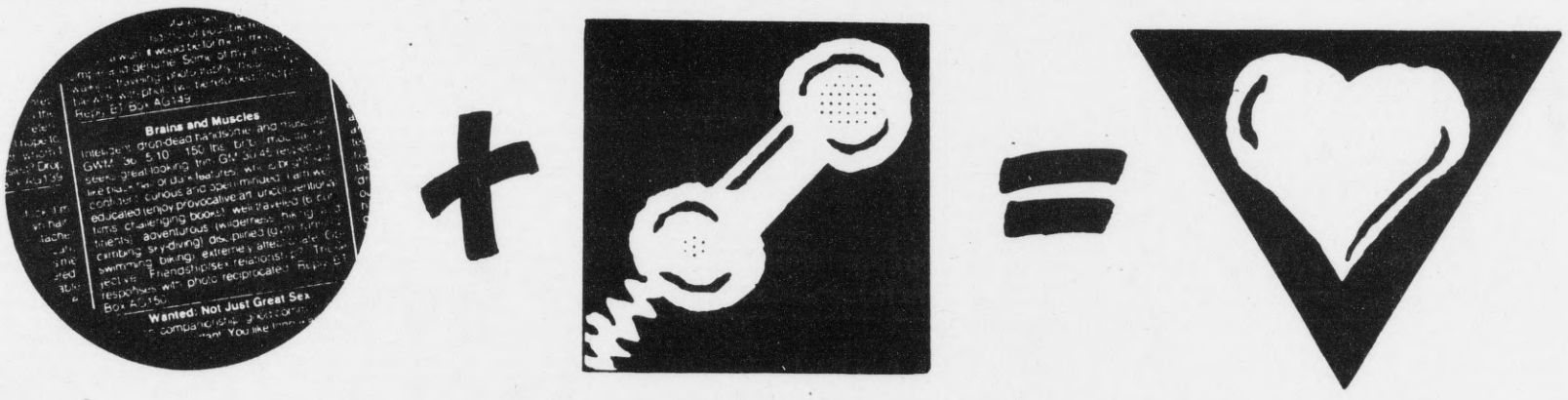
Slow, Easy Strokes
Erotically cute, -kind, bisexual WM, 32, HIV –, wants erotically cute bisexual WF who likes masturbation only. Your's and my lifestyles unimportant. We're not obese. Slow, easy strokes. Serious, peaceful. Give delicious massages elsewhere too. Hear my phone message. Call ★★1425.

WBiM Seeks Same
For honest, caring (possibly "Binogamous"?) friendship. Are you happily married but craving male (not macho) companionship, support, intimacy? Lost in the gay-or-straight dichotomy and ready to explore other possibilities? Committed to safe sex in all but your primary relationship? I'm into nonviolence, foreign films, Windham Hill, hiking/camping (backpacking?), Levis, hot springs, massage and, yes, both sexes (but not smoke, drugs, bars, sports). I'm of Welsh descent, 41, 5' 11", 165, moustached (light brown hair, blue eyes, glasses), mostly slender, moderately attractive, usually quiet but sexually & sensually playful/curious/experimental. Want to compare notes? Reply Boxholer 41 Sutter, #1239, SF 94104 or call ★★1426.

Pretty and Petite
5' 3", 115 lbs., white, feminine, dark curly haired transexual. No problems passing! 38 but look 28. I'm bisexual, sexually submissive, bottom oriented and HIV –, verbal, and very intellectual individuals, 25-50. Looking for persons who share my interests in film, reading, politics, ethnic food, live music, dancing, and hiking. Photo exchange OK—All photos returned. Reply to Boxholder #229, 3311 Mission St., SF 94110.

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Sensitive Pisces woman seeks to expand her boundaries: social, emotional, spiritual and sensual. Like to do fun things with fun people. Drugs OK but no flakes please—Passing out in public just doesn't do it for me. Likes include music, cafes, dancing, movies, good restaurants and staying home when I need to. Let's talk, see if we hit it off, and what happens next is open to discovery. Reply BT Box JA300 or call ★★1428.

Switch-Hitters Top Seeks Bottom

Are you experienced about S/M, or intensely curious about what it really is? If pain is liberating, is sadism compassion, a reprieve from life's limitations? Does bondage comfort you? Do you feel empowered when dominant or submissive? I am 43, hetero-bi, WM, switchable top, HIV –, non-smoker, healthy, trim body, attentive, intuitive, personality, Society of Janus member, experienced, seeking similar qualities in bi-female, to be equals, friends, play-partners, maybe lovers, but always safe, sane, and consensual together. Let's negotiate to get what we both want. Reply BT Box JA301 or call ★★1429.

Pet Seeks House Slave

It's just too much for one girl! My Owner wants the house kept impeccably but I'd rather tend to my wardrobe. So, we're looking for a truly submissive transgender adventurer of any sex to serve us. We'll dress you up and tell you what to do. Discipline is certain. Punishment is possible. The object is not a scene but the enhancement of our S/M lifestyle and yours. Dedication to the art of service is mandatory. Experience is not. Reply BT Box JA302 or call ★★1430.

M E N

Wanna Have Fun?

I am a slim, average GWM, mid-twenties, Br/Bl who would like to meet other 24-35 y/os for one-on-one friendship, fellowship, camaraderie preferably in S.F. (I don't drive). Definitely not looking for mentors, mommies, daddies or one-night stands. Reply BT Box JA70.

Hostess Snack Pack

But am I the twinkie, the ho-ho, or the ding-dong? Goodlooking graphic design student, new in town, would like to make friends with a few hot guys for movies, Scrabble, and all sorts of sodomy and oral copulation. I'm 26, 6', a lanky 160#, versatile, HIV + (oops! nobody's perfect), with blond hair, green eyes, a big thingie, and an even bigger rubber collection. So, if you're physically fit and within a decade of my age, don't be shy! Drop me a line at P.O. Box 31431, S.F., CA 94131. Your photo gets mine.

Eveready

Handsome, clean, healthy, fit white male seeks same for mutual cocksucking. I am 31, 6', 165#, big brown eyes, dark brown wavy hair with moustache. Would like to 69 with white men ?-37 years with rock hard cocks 7" or better. Do you enjoy being a top? 3-ways and groups are desired. Straight, gay, college types, jocks, daddys and young teens OK. No fats, fems or heavy S&M. Call ★★1446.

Black M, Over Age 55 Wanted

Nice-looking, clean-cut, caring, GWM, F/A, seeks one, heavy-hung BM over 55 who needs hours of oral service from deep-throat expert. Reply Box 241, 1550 California St., #6, SF 94109.

Mid-Peninsula

Professional GAM in late 20's early-mid 30's wanted by this GWM. Me, 5'10", 185 lbs., blnd/blu, HIV neg. with interests in the finer things in life including classical music, dining out. I want to share quality times with educated Asian male in San Mateo area. Why not send a recent photo and note for same? Reply BT Box JA71.

Daddy's Boy

GWM, 29, 5'8", 185#, br/br, handsome, hot, horny, hairy, hung (7" cut), moustache, athletic, muscular, and versatile. I am very oral, lots of kissing, sucking on daddy's man-tool, sucking, licking and chewing on daddy's big hairy chest and juicy nipples. I am looking to regularly service a hot, hunky, horny and hung stud. Prefer balding or s/p hair, big cock and balls. Photo preferred. Reply BT Box JA72.

Wake Up & Smell the Coffee

Denver's best in SF. Professional man with (invaluable) assets: golden heart, sensible head, broad shoulders. Down-to-earth Taurus likes life, home, healthy (HIV – only). Versatile in and out of bedroom. Wide ranging interests. Kindness and manners required. 40 (you 35-50), 175, well-built and looking for long term of solid feelings. Reply to his best friend and matchmaker. Reply BT Box JA73 or call ★★1445.

On Our First Date

You will be in the company of a very goodlooking sexy black male. He's intelligent, wacky, fun, serious and a romantic. But we won't dine at Zuni's Cafe. We won't discuss politics. Nor will we rent a cabin for the weekend. Skiing, movies and spontaneous moments are out too. So are you wondering what you would do with this lovable 30's man on our first date. Tell me what we will do accompanied by a recent photo. Photo will be returned. So, if you're a goodlooking, mature, fun, masculine guy bet. 25 and 40 respond now. Nothing to lose but a possible union. Reply BT Box JA74.

Slim Chinese, Viet or Thai Wanted

Sincere WM, youthful 41 years, 6'2", 170 lbs., trim, blue eyes, cleanshaven, HIV negative, seeks slim or skinny Asian 20-36 for boyfriend or lover. I'm affectionate, nonsmoking, good listener, mental health professional. Plus if you are foreign-born, not into bars, warmhearted, enjoy some exercise. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 210202, SF, CA 94121-0202

Spanking

Strict Dad, 36, gives hot spankings to bad boys in need of butt warming attention. Prefer in shape, 18-30 yr. olds with smart mouth/bad attitude. Stop putting it off and write to: Boxholder, 2261 Market, Box 155, San Francisco, CA 94114. Sincere letters will receive fast response with phone.

Bearded Handome Bear

35, 6'1", 205 lbs., good build, HIV – seeks another large man for fun, hot times, hibernation, socializing, ??? I enjoy the mountains, beaches, movies, quiet times, spiritual living. Please reply w/photo to Boxholder, P.O. Box 474, Redwood City, 94064.

Young Man

Are you seeking mature love and lots of support? Are you open-minded, 18 or over, boyish, sweet, good humored, diligent, shy, aspiring, computer literate (or wants to learn), artsy, and smart? Any race, N/S preferred. I am your affectionate benefactor, a successful entrepreneur (51) who seeks your youthful vitality to complement my wisdom and resources. Come and be my associate-mate and share my life and business. Reply Boxholder RJ, 478 West Hamilton Ave., Suite 144, Campbell, CA 95008 or call ★★1447.

Old Fashioned Romantic — Available Now

Professional, stable GWM, late 30's, 6'1", healthy, hunky body with good equipment, thick moustache, brown hair, deep hazel eyes, nonsmoker-drug user, light drinker, seeks that special man to explore life with, get to know, date, be vulnerable with and maybe establish a relationship with. I'm open to meeting quality GWM's 28-39 yrs. who are open to a possible commitment and are not afraid to take the chance that they might find that they can give as well as receive affection. My friends say I'm attractive and I'd make a good catch! But am the quiet and shy type and find it hard to meet quality men thru the usual scenes, bars etc. My interests are many and include: the outdoors, gourmet cooking, fine wines, local & international travel, old movies, music, antiques, romance, cuddling up, hot & safe sex, communication and honesty are musts, foreskins nice—but not mandatory. If any of the above sparks your interest, I invite your letter with recent photo. Life is too short not to experience it with someone special. Take a chance. Potential boyfriend material. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 14186, San Francisco, CA 94114 or call ★★1448.

Attractive, Caring, HIV +

Seeks a secure guy for fun and romance. My interests include activities such as gym workouts, swimming, down-hill skiing, hiking and biking. I also like to cook (mostly vegetarian), art, music, spirited conversations, terrace gardening, and personal growth work. I am fun, creative, adventuresome, humorous, intelligent, confident and masculine (w/a boyish side). I'm affectionate, sensitive, compassionate, honest, giving and willing to be vulnerable. I'm 37, 5'8", 140, trim and smooth with a great smile. I'd like to meet a peer who is attractive, in great shape, nonsmoker, and shares some of my interests and qualities. If that's you please send a letter w/photo/phone. Reply BT Box JA75.

Daddy's Boy

Happy, healthy, sane, boyishly good-looking daddy's boy seeks to connect with handsome, masculine, sane daddy for long-term monogamous relationship. I am 6', 160#, 33, smooth bottom, knows limits but ready & willing to expand, stable & independent. Daddy should be spanker/top, strong, trim, sensitive, fun-loving. Hairy a plus. Send photo, phone, detailed letter letting me know what you want. Reply BT Box JA76 or call ★★1449.

Teddy Bear Seeks Gentle Ben

GWM, 38, 5'10", 205 lbs., non-gym-toned, trim beard and hairy chest, warm, passionate, loyal, intelligent, country-oriented, mostly bottom. Like adventure, sports, music, reading, writing, mountains, quiet evenings at home, and spiritual living. Seek caring, supporting and monogamous relationship with like individual, 33 to 43, mostly top, who is masculine and affectionate and ready to settle down. Looks/HIV status/race not important; honesty and integrity are. Reply BT Box JA77.

Domestic Partner Initiative

I am a GWM, 42 (look 41), 5'10", 165, HIV neg., bottom guy looking for someone special. My objectives include sensitive, honest, loyal, smart, tenacious, liberal and shy. I hope to meet a monogamous top guy over 30, HIV neg., who has a lot of integrity and heart. I am politically active and committed to the progressive agenda. I also find time for plants, photography, film, the gym, Open Hand, books, road trips and music. Letter/photo/phone? I hope you take a chance. Reply BT Box JA78.

Do Opposites Really Attract?

I think that physically, they often do. I'm 30, 6'1", slender (170), somewhat shy, fairly smooth with light brown hair, moustache and blue eyes. You are of a heavier build, 28-39 and outgoing. We are both masculine, GWM's, affectionate, stable, sensitive, HIV neg., nonsmokers, light/non drinkers, enjoy the outdoors and open to a monogamous relationship. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 51113, Palo Alto, CA 94303 or call ★★1450.

To Love You

I know there is a Latino man out there that was meant for me. I don't know how long it will take to find you, but I will, so help me. I love you, I always have, I always will. Call me, I'll know if it's you, you'll know if it's me...★★1451.

Headhunters

Seeking someone who enjoys giving long, slow, wet head. This all American boy will lay back while you work your magic. I am 29 yrs. old, blond, blue, 5'11", 175 lbs., muscular, smooth chest, hairy muscular legs and 8½ inches. Prefer 18-35, dark skin and hairy a + but not necessary. Reply with your photo & fantasy and I'll do the same. Reply BT Box JA80.

Married Man Looking For Other Men

Gay, bisexual, heterosexual. Married, single, divorced. Any age, race, color, creed to get involved in fun activities. Sports, the beach, power boating, camping, cards, exploring ideas, hiking, sailing, picnics, weekend outings, wine tasting, etc. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 7849, Stanford, CA 94309 or call ★★1452.

Spanish Bear

Masculine, hairy, bearded, dark hair and eyes, 35, 150 lbs., 5'8", muscular, goodlooking, HIV neg., nonsmoker. Well rounded education. Enjoy city and country. Variety of interests. Would like to meet someone interested in dating and a relationship if compatible. Preferences: masculine, HIV neg., 26-46, stocky. Photo/letter. Reply BT Box JA81.

Hello

HIV negative, 26 yr. old very attractive WM, drk hair, drk eyes, 185 lbs., 5'10", muscular, wks out daily, not into scenes, masculine straight appearing. Enjoys travel and sober fun, on spiritual path. Looking to meet HIV neg WM, 24-30, very attractive masculine football player-type male well hung top that likes sex adventure & fun. Possible relationship. Photo a must. Reply BT Box JA82.

Honest Love

GWM, 38, 6', 175, 7" uncut, HIV –, handsome, honest, passionate, seeking relationship away from smoke, drugs and alcohol, any race. If you are shy like me, prefer a letter to bars and know the meaning of love and respect, please contact me. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 11409, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Eligible Bachelor Must Be...

Tall, handsome, professional, athletic GWM between 25-38 y.o. wanted by diplomat's son with style and class, casual elegance, charm and esprit. He is natural, spontaneous, masculine, athletic, tender and romantic. He has grown up internationally, obtained first class education and also multilingual. With his black hair, his wonderful brown eyes, this 27 y.o. GAM is up to all demands of a GWM who is looking for a GAM with similar background. Are you interested? Please respond with photo and phone #. Will answer all. Reply BT Box JA83 or call ★★1453.

A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body

East Bay physical/intellectual GWM seeks to share outdoor athletic activities, such as bicycling, running, or hiking, with another guy. If you're in shape, I yearn to meet you! I am 44, 6', 160#, HIV neg., balding. A professional, clean-cut, outgoing, physically fit Catholic boy. Let's sidekick around, no strings attached. No drugs. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 9056, Berkeley, 94709.

Let Dad Take Over

Do your knees buckle just at the thought of a dominant dad's strong hands grabbing your firm, sensitive (preferably smooth) ass? Good looking, very muscular daddy seeks possible relationship with younger (21-35) well-built attractive son who gets turned on by serving and (safely) opening up for a masculine older man. Dad is 46, Italian, clean-shaven, dark, 5'9", 158 lbs. with great muscular body, hairy chest and hard thick hairy legs (not much head hair). If that description makes you want to get on your knees or submissively offer your hot buns to a passionate dad, and if you seek discipline with trust, write (photos returned) to Boxholder, Suite 134, 5856 College Ave., Oakland 94618.

Into Older Men

If you are really into older men, perhaps this is your chance! I am 60, blond hair, blue eyes, 130 lbs., gentle, loving, sensitive, retired, financially secure, honest, monogamous, HIV –. Like naturally masculine men, who are also gentle, loving, honest, self-sufficient, who are interested in a committed relationship (prefer top but am versatile), also HIV –. If you are interested only in sex, go elsewhere. If you want something that includes sex, but is more meaningful and longer lasting, drop a note (picture optional). Reply BT Box JA84.

Learn the Ropes

Attractive GWM with gym toned body wants to explore rope bondage with experienced players. The objectives are to help me to develop my skills and to have some mutual fun. Reply BT Box JA85.

Friendship–Relationship–Marriage

Impossible, you say? Not all at once, but eventually. I am 44, HIV neg., masculine, 6', 163#, slim, balding. A professional, Anglo-Irish, athletic, intellectual type, clean-cut guy, whose friends say, "everything is going well for you," and "you'd make someone a great catch," but has yet to meet a special man. I seek someone, like myself, who is generally up-beat and can communicate, who knows that real intimacy takes time. Having identical interests is not what I want, but you should have a job/career goals and be physically fit in some outdoor activity. I enjoy and compete in running, bicycling, love classical music, poetry, and theater, write in medicine, read novels, anthropology, and ethics. Favor hikes locally or in the Grand Canyon or Yosemite. Am not into bars, hedonism, or one-nighters. Let's meet. No drugs/cigs. Reply BT Box JA86.

A Good Guy

44, GWM, lean, hard runner's body, HIV neg., light brn/balding, 6', masculine top/versatile, seeks significant other to share monogamous relationship. A professional but also into outdoor athletics, I'd love to share a life and home with another intelligent, physically fit man. No users/kinks. Reply BT Box JA87.

Start the New Year Right!

Meet a bright, attractive, sensitive GWM, 5'8½", 155 lbs., br/gr. Sexually versatile. A working prof. artist interested in meeting a mature GWM (preferably in 40's) who is fit (HIV + ok), drug free, non smoker with a positive energy and outlook on life. Emotional stability and sense of humor a must. Let's meet and see what happens. Reply BT Box JA88.

Fetters

Catalog a turn on? For me too. Attractive, very creative, physically active and fit young 50, Berkeley professional GWM, HIV –, 150#, 5'10", long fascinated by bondage, leather, rubber, light s/m seeks playful chums willing to lead me safely further than my few great experiences and solo games. Can mind, body, humor, health and kink exist together? Reply BT Box JA89.

Cuddle Buddy

Are you a great cuddler too, who is willing to spend the night? Are you goodlooking, tall, trim, 25-45, healthy, well-hung, hairy chest, good kisser? I'm handsome, Italian, 37, 6', 175#, cleanshaven, healthy, sensual, affectionate, very oral, humorous, nonsmoker. I also give incredible massages! Seeking a loving companion to keep me warm this winter. No drugs/alcohol abuse. Relationship possible. Happy New Year! Please call... Reply BT Box JA90 or call ★★1454.

Boyfriend Not Barfly

Energetic GWM br/br moustache, 160 gym lbs., romantic and witty, 5'10", ambitious professional 31, real. You're over 30, gym body, intelligent, happy, and genuine, no tobacco, autonomous and relationship oriented (beard a plus). We're sexually versatile and sleep closely, lustful and adventurous socially too, but also cozy at home. Try returnable photo and note to BT Box JA91.

If You Like Husky W/M

Read the rest of this ad. I'm W/M, 44, 5'10", 200#, cleanshaven, medium hairy, HIV –, n/s, n/d. No Greek. Looking for slim to medium build Asian or W/M for creative whatnot. I'm intelligent, reasonably attractive, and have many interests. Am also mature, affectionate, stable. Reply BT Box JA92.

Soulmate?

Yes! A soulmate! After being told by psychics that I haven't yet met my soulmate, I thought why not an ad: So here goes! First, a few small quizzes. Can you circle 3 of these 6 attributes: sensitive, creative, caring, honest, ambitious or monogamous. Quiz 2. Can you circle 3 of 7: Anne Rice, Verdi, creative design, Chopin, astrology, travel or Live 105 FM after two hours of intense lovemaking with the phone off the hook. Quiz 3. Will you take the risk to reply to this GWM 5'8", 46 (looks 35), clean shaven, HIV status unimpt. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JA93.

Asian Master Wanted

WM, 5'6", 150 lbs., seeks domination from short, lightweight oriental. Into verbal abuse, leather, boot licking, raunchy armpits, titwork and working my tongue on your body. Make this slave grovel at an Asian master's feet and learn to love it. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 6655/SF 94101.

Sometimes Delirious

I want to J/O watching personal rituals/sexual obsessions/unusual visuals/extreme bodies/bizarre scenes/normal stuff/long dicks/mucho body hair/baldness/grass/flowers/big feet/pumps/colored skins and white/tits/naked/strangely dressed/what you do when not creating world peace/let me watch you. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 1653, Sausalito, 94965 or call ★★1455.

Romance in '91

Sought by young 39 year old, 5'10½", 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, beard, hairy; playful, very affectionate and demonstrative. Looking for energetic man in touch with his feelings, sensitive to those of others, comfortable with intimacy. I have a healthy lifestyle (natural foods, no drugs), varied interests (esp. languages, travel), good sense of humor, am very oral. Please reply with photo (returned) to BT Box JA94 or call ★★1456.

Do You Have a Large Beer Belly?

This tall (6'1"), slender (170#), GWM would like to meet a masculine, "trucker" type man who has a large, overhanging beer belly—the bigger the better! I am 31, with brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, and am masculine, affectionate, HIV neg., stable, and enjoy the outdoors. Give me a call and let's talk. Call ★★1457.

Playmate

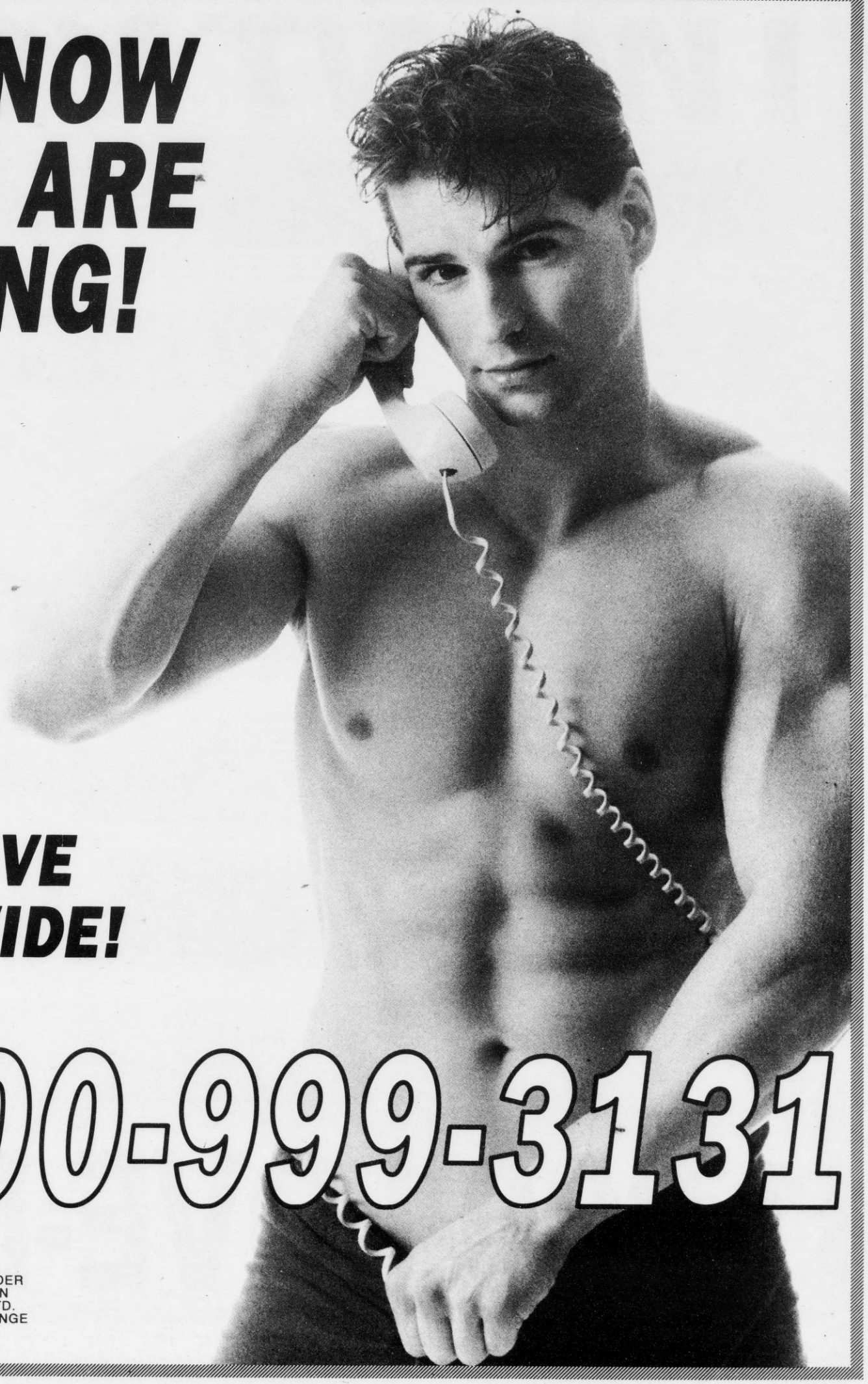
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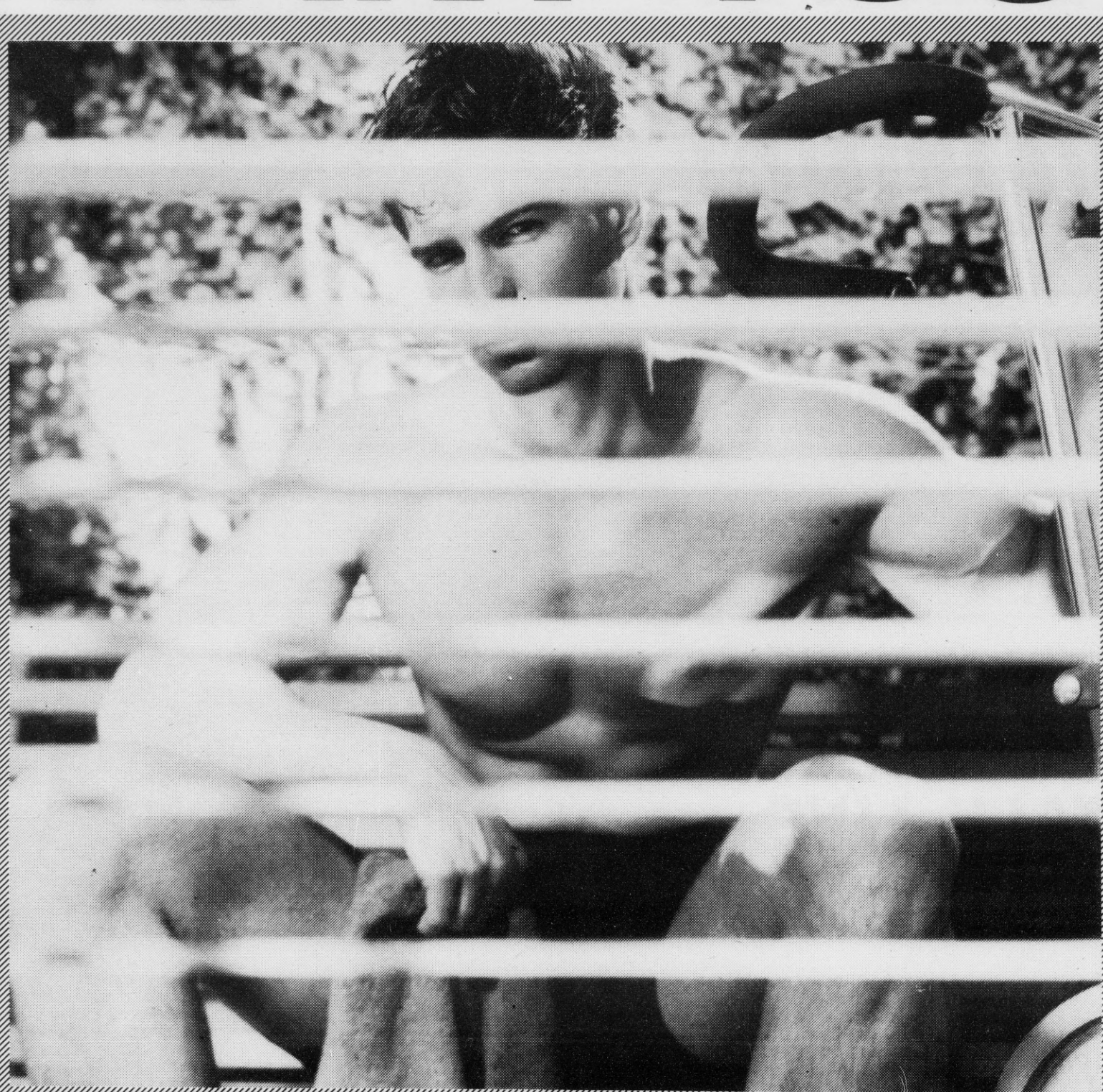


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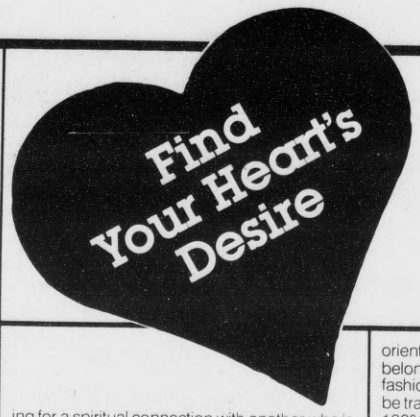
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encounters. Requirement: a body I'd want to lick all over. Reply BT Box JA95.

Muscular Tit Man

GWM, 40's, 6'3½", 182, lean, super-defined with prominent veins and a totally smooth torso. Moustache, brown/brown. Loves mutual nipple play, light to heavy. Your chest photo gets mine and will be returned. I respond best to lean/wiry guys. HIV negative. Reply BT Box JA96.

Ass Massage

This GWM, top, 39, 6'5", 200 lbs., brown hair and moustache is looking for nice buns to play with. I like to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings. Then on your knees for a long safe ride. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, HIV –, with a nice and hungry butt. Better call now—you won't regret it. Reply BT Box JA97 or call ★★1458.

Tall, Handsome, Seeks Man

Masculine, athletic, GWM, 39, 6'3", honed 210, brn eyes, slt/pep, HIV neg, non-smoker, non-drinker, no drugs, professional, looking for a monogamous relationship. Into mountain biking, art, architecture, design, the coast, all film, bodybuilding, being outdoors. Well travelled. Looking for GWM 35-45, attractive, masculine, professional, muscular, athletic, non-smoker, non-drinker, no drugs, HIV neg, sense of humor and looking for a monogamous relationship. Should be honest and able to articulate feelings/needs. Some of our many interests should match. Letter with recent photo and phone number a must. Reply BT Box JA98 or call ★★1459.

Seeking "Together" Men

Energetic, progressive, educated, professional, handsome, masculine, mature, healthy (HIV –), drug free, nonsmoking, passionate, GWM (5'11", 165 lbs., brn. hair, blue eyes). Enjoy outdoors (swimming, biking, hiking, tennis, x-country skiing), classical music, theatre, foreign movies, children, stimulating conversation. Seek "together" gay/bisexual men with similar background and interests for friendship (late 20's to early 40's). Send photo, letter, phone #. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5711, Elmwood Station, Berkeley, CA 94705 or call ★★1460.

Relationship Material

Busy professional, trim (HIV neg.) WM, 39, with executive looks seeking friendship leading to lifelong monogamous relationship. I'm adventuresome, but like TV and reading: can be intense, yet be very soft; and as comfortable addressing a group as hiking alone. I'm nurturing and spirutual, sometimes a bit too serious. Neither smoke nor drink and am a romantic. I'm equally happy just cuddling or being a gentle top. I'm looking for someone 28-40 + White, Asian, or Latin who is playful yet responsible. Someone who communicates, has established values and direction, likes mature men, doesn't smoke and has a healthy lifestyle (also HIV neg.). Especially attracted to lean and well groomed men. Will respond to all letters, please allow time. Picture nice, not necessary. Reply BT Box JA99.

Make That Call!

GWM, 33, 5'9", 148, attractive, in shape, blond (thinning), moustache, professional, nonsmoker, social drinker, HIV –, masculine with a sense of humor seeks another regular guy for dating or more. My interests include sex, my career, working out, friends, experiencing new things and having fun. Extra points for dark hair and/or a moustache but not required. Don't be shy. Call ★★1461.

Daddy Bear Seeks Cub

W/M, 45, 5'10", 205 lbs. beard, hairy, uncut, masculine and good looking, wants to meet shorter, chubby guy for fun, pleasure and possible relationship. Photo appreciated with detailed letter to P.O. Box 1714, Daly City, CA 94014 or call ★★1462.

My Eyes Are Open

Handsome, intelligent, youthful writer/filmmaker, 39, 5'10", 150 lbs., br/br, excellent health. I'm passionate, creative, funny, well-traveled, complex, curious and irreverent. Enjoy hiking, movies, dinners in, working on my house, extended cuddling and the exchange of ideas, both ridiculous and profound. I'm HIV neg and prefer same. Seeking mutually stimulating, nurturing friendship that may develop into committed relationship. Prefer nonsmoker, age 30-45. Sense of humor a must. Letter/photo to BT Box JA100.

Wanted: A Few Large Men

Who want a steady, good ass to slide around on. Masculine, mature man with skill and looks and good body wants regular insertions by a few good men. Prefer warm and friendly men. Race and age unimportant. Great head also given to warm you up. Reply BT Box JA101 or call ★★1463.

Innocuous Headline

CWM (26, 5'6", 125#, bl/bl), intelligent, creative, dry/sarcastic humor, kinda sweet, kinda shy, seeks similar in SF. Some likes: Flannery O'Connor, N. Cave, T. Waits, Pogues, most kinds of movies (including quality horror—Rosemary's Baby, The Birds, Aliens; excluding extreme Hollywood crapola—Rocky V), bookstores, all manner of creepin', crawlin' critter. Some dislikes: pretention, stereotypes, brain tumors, Bob Hope. Seeking slim, nice guy to early 30's to trip through life's bountiful weirdness with, as friends or...? Reply BT Box JA102 or call ★★1464.

Spiritual Connection

Hello, I'm 5'8", 155 lbs, muscular, very good looking, 30 yrs. old, HIV + and healthy. My ethnic background is Hawaiian, Philipino, Spanish, Puerto Rican, German & Portuguese. I'm looking for a spiritual connection with another who is good looking, works out, drug & smoke free (light alcohol o.k.). Our main or similar interest: spiritual connection to God, commitment in a relationship, healthy diet, positive attitude, financial security, friends, cooking, movies, theater, travel, nature, animals, education, space, keeping our bodies fit, and anything else we can learn, grow from and experience. If you fit into these categories, please send a photo and letter to (Photos are a must. I'll return your photo upon request.): BT Box JA103 or call ★★1465.

We've Now Got the Time!

We are a growing group of "early retired" guys, bright, gregarious, humorous, nice looking, who are seeking other "early retirees" for social activities. Let's use our free time now to meet nice people for a walk in the park, a museum exhibit, a concert or even lunch. Use your ability or "HIV disability" to fully enjoy your days and evenings in our company. Reply BT Box JA104 or call ★★1466.

"All American" Type...

...seeks an attractive opposite. I'm a GWM, but you're probably Asian (or other foreign descent) and anxious to share your background. However, I hope we are alike in some ways too: you're probably under 30, too, and patient enough to develop a special friendship/relationship. We prefer quiet times spent talking and dreaming to going out and "being seen." We're under 5'8", under 150#, not too fem/macho, and don't smoke/do drugs. I hope you're not just looking for some "daddy" or some sexual "trophy," and (most importantly) I hope you are one of those rare people who values honesty. If so, I'd love to hear from you! A photo would be great, too (I'll return it). Thanks! Reply BT Box JA105 or call ★★1467.

Goofy

Perfectly flawed, hopelessly butch anglo recovering from a privileged childhood. 25, 6'4", 225# dark & hairy HIV –. Very cute, husky gentleman. Well traveled, educated, seasoned chef, psudo-professional. Looking for a playmate under 30, smoker friendly with calm disposition, easy smile and passion. Moderate drinker/pot ok for hot times at home and chilly nights out. All responses answered. Reply BT Box JA106 or call ★★1468.

Quality Man, Dynamite Relationship

I'm looking for a creative, conscious relationship with a man who's ready and eager for a lover and for the sparks to fly. I like spontaneity and planning, staying busy with friends, theater, home maintenance, local and foreign travel, liberal causes. I'm handsome, 5'10" (you should be about the same), 150#, recently HIV +, asymptomatic, very health conscious (but like pot), swimmer, hiker. I'm 45 but look about 38 and relate best to 30's guys. I'm sexy and tend to be a versatile top, very oral, visual, into safe butt and nipple play. I manage stress through yoga & hot tubbing, and I'm predominantly vegetarian. I'm socially skilled, very funny and ready for going for the gusto with you. Can you deal with realism and romance? Do you have charisma? Can you handle an independent guy and meet my energy? Hey, let's talk! Reply BT Box JA107 or call ★★1469.

Lonely at Times

Intelligent, professional, non smoking, clean shaven, HIV –, 5'10" GWM 50's, 170, light social drinker. Looking for friend and or full time partner. Monogamous. Capable of receiving and giving love and care. City only and single. Reply BT Box JA108 or call ★★1470.

Slow JO

Man with big arms, facial and body hair wanted by strange 5'8", 137 lb runner for slow JO, kissing, nipple play sessions. Nonsmokers only. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 7881, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★1471.

I Secretly Crave Total Domination

Healthy, 29, 5'7" W/G/M, ten years top, now secretly craves to be in a s/m, b/d relationship with an under 45 very dominant, very sexually oriented man who wants a sex slave, boy toy to belong to him. Not a masochist, just an old fashioned butch nymphomaniac who needs to be trained to respect his daddy's big cock. I give 100% obedience, and desire to be totally controlled by a hung man. One who wants to have his cake & eat it too. I love leather/bikers and those downtown types who have the time/finances & who want to keep a sex slave at their feet. I want to be property of: not next week's trick. This is a one time ad. Go ahead, treat yourself to a permanent sex slave for Christmas. I will answer all replies that are serious, under 45 yrs old, with photo/returned & phone. Thank you for your time! Reply to Occupant, P.O. Box 968, Willits, CA 95490 or call ★★1472.

All Hands on Dick

Handsome, bearded, in-shape, laid-back, friendly, masculine man wants to hug you all over. Feel you up, roll around, get sweaty, jack each other off, grunt a load or two. I'm hot for J.O. I'm 38 yrs. old, 5'9", 170, medium hairy, dark features (Portuguese). Seek similar, masculine men for hot play and friendship. Beards, photo, phone # a plus. In Bay Area often. Tim—P.O. Box 6057, Napa, CA 94581 or call ★★1475.

Furry Blond or Red Bearded Bear?

Handsome, articulate Nicolas II look-alike (38, 5'9", 185#, HIV +, beard, bubble butt) seeks versatile, sexually compatible mate, 28-45. You could be bigger, husky dominant daddy or smaller younger eager cub. You are affectionate, straight 'n forward, sensitive, adventurous, educated, alive to the world's possibilities. We enjoy city and country, movies, music, books, walks, love-making and occasional rough stuff. Write with photo to BT Box JA109 or call ★★1473.

Happy New Year Lover

You are GWM in shape 30's or 40's, under 5'8", facial hair, HIV neg, cut, orally oriented, non smoker/drinker, lt. doper, educated, travelled, sense of humor, spiritual, sensitive, sensual, lover of Levi's, unpretentious, ready for a sincere honest relationship with a 40's in shape GWM 5'7", 150#, balding, stache, cut, HIV neg, who wishes to share his life's experience with you. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JA110 or call ★★1474.

Big Bear Love

I am looking for someone who is honest & sincere and not afraid to express themselves both emotionally and physically. I would like to find someone who is happy sitting at home on a Saturday night rather than out to a bar. I am 6', 285#, light brown hair, blue eyes and trim beard. Take a chance. Send photo to BT Box JA111 or call ★★1476.

Being Different

from each other can be as important in stimulating a relationship as having similarities can be in developing bonds. It's more important that we like each other, than be like each other. I'm an attractive, secure GWM, healthy, fit, young looking 43, with trim beard. My varied interests include friends, arts and good music, movies, cooking, cycling and my cats. I'm attracted to men under 35 who have unique qualities and an honest and caring nature; lean, tight or muscular bodies are especially erotic, as is passionate kissing and physical intimacy. You should be relationship oriented and be accepting of HIV +; letter and picture (if possible) to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 626, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★1477.

San Mateo

Attractive 25 year old, 6'3", 160#, blonde, blue, lean athletic swimmer, affectionate. I'm into masculine, in-shape, traditional guys. Turn offs cigarettes, disco; turn ons moustaches, hairy legs, short hair, sincerity. Sexually insatiable with the right guy. Write or call. Reply BT Box JA112 or call ★★1478.

My aspirations are to be honest, sincere, loyal, peaceful, happy and prosperous. If yours are too and you want to contribute to someone's peace and happiness and support their ideals, then please write. Am looking for association based on mutual love, freedom and respect. I am 37, 5'11", gdlkg, HIV +, GBM. Reply BT Box JA113 or call ★★1479.

Great Cuddler Seeks Same

I want a monogamous relationship with someone smart and considerate, passionate and playful. I value honesty, trust, communication, great movies, and all the usual gay things like brunch, Twin Peaks, and teddy bears. I'm ready for dating, weekend adventures, and eventually, setting up house. I'm a GWM, 41, HIV neg., 5'5", 130, brown hair and beard, sexy body. My mate would be similar in age and build, HIV neg., non-smoker, non-drinker, and a great kisser. Reply BT Box JA114 or call ★★1480.

Gentle Get Together

Sixtish but trim, 5'10" European American still need body comfort give take pleasure with hands, arms, legs embrace cuddle clinch chest to chest release or just relax can listen be quiet or dialogue. Am educated sensitive congenial need compatible men to share our time consider friendship or just celebrate our bodies unpretentiously. Please respond: Boxholder, P.O. Box 294, San Francisco 94101.

Muscular, Attractive, Professional

GWM, 32, 160, 5'8", HIV –, athletic/muscular, attractive/sensual, Italian/English heritage, energetic hi-tech professional seeks friendship/relationship with a 25-35 yo man of similar qualities and enjoys the outdoors, laughing and romance. Please send response/picture. Reply BT Box JA115 or call ★★1481.

Rock Therapy

GWM, young 40's, attractive, professional but with strong wild wild side, HIV +, into rock, travel, adventure, food, work out, stay busy, Q, hobby, laughter, indoor/outdoor, art and music therapies. I can look preppie but think punk and political. Want to meet non-clone, silently younger, rebellious, smart, creative and sensitive joint venturers. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 23762, Oakland, CA 94623.

Handsome Masculine Guy

Muscle guy, 6', 180, 41 yrs., seeks a masculine, hairy man with a hard, thick, football player's build, a hairy, big stomach and with a real deep voice, to explore a whole lot. You won't be disappointed. Maybe send a photo if you have one. Reply BT Box JA116.

Be My Companion

Very nice, easygoing, energetic, romantic optimistic GWM, 45, 5'11", 170 lbs., moustache, hairy chest, dark-greyish hair looking for monogamous, non-smoking Asian in his 30's or early 40's interested in the arts, particularly movies, travel, music, great kissing and in time creating a world of our own. No anal sex. Reply BT Box JA117 or call ★★1482.

Add

This "tall drak and handsome" digiphile is exploring himself through music and cooking for others with similar interests. I'm a fun loving jokester who reveres his independence—I'm mostly seeking a listening companion—but I'm open to the boyfriend seekers. My musical taste encompasses most of the 20th century classical scene and the "rock of the 80's." Maybe you can introduce me to something new—these wonderful silver disks are just full of surprises. Reply Boxholder, Box 61, 1001 Page Street, SF CA 94117.

Relationship Ad? Sex Ad?

Yes! Either. Or both! Relationshipadwise, I'd like to meet a nice man with a sharp sense of humor, who follows a natural foods diet, and prefers smoking herbs to tobacco. Sexadwise, I'd enjoy meeting a not-necessarily-nice man (though necessarily nicely endowed) who really gets off on getting sucked off. In response to both ads, I'd like to hear from cleanshaven, lean to fit men, 26-39, who're eager to meet this cute, slim blond 31 year old vegetarian. So, if you think we might be compatible (one way or another, or both) send a descriptive letter/photo (if possible) to: Occupant, Suite 389, 584 Castro St., SF 94114, or call ★★1483.

Any Race, 40-65, Wow

I want a friendly, outgoing, HIV –, cheerful, interesting, stocky built male lover, any height, for a deeply satisfying relationship. Single, divorced, married males welcomed. I am a dark black male, 45, 5'9", HIV –, 155. Photo and note to: Boxholder, Box 31662, Oakland 94604. Thanks.

Santa Rosa Area

GWM, 41, 6'5", 195lb, br/bl, attractive, romantic, professional seeks sexy, gentle, romantic top for friendship leading to LTR. I enjoy life in the country, hiking, skiing, cw dancing, gym, quiet times, cuddling, kissing, gardening, travel, and hard work. Prefer 35-45 yo, tall, nonsmoking, in shape, together guy, no addictions, who is relationship oriented and knows what it takes to make one work. Having looked in all the wrong places (more than once), thought an ad might reach the guy I've been missing. Sincere only. Reply with returnable photo to BT Box JA118.

Humorous

GWM, 27, 6'3", 180 lbs. br/br, Anglo good looks, gym toned, Cal grad, HIV –, professional, informed, honest, independent, caring, casual, skeptical, more relationship oriented than my recent dating record indicates, but I'm looking for someone special. (Besides, isn't dating fun?) Special is humorous, compatible, attractive. Interests: working out, running, psychology, pop music, outdoors and the rest of the usual things, not necessarily in that order. Reply BT Box JA119 or call ★★1484

Uninhibited Hot J/O Buddy

Handsome, mid-30s, 5'11", 150#, well built, well hung. Enjoys long sweaty stroking scenes. Also get into great blow jobs, both giving and getting. Seek other hot partners, 18-50, who are proud of their endowment, and enjoy showing it off. Drop a line, give stats, phone #, and let's see what happens. You won't be disappointed! Reply BT Box JA120.

An Asian Experience

GAM, very good-looking, youthful 40's, 5'7", HIV negative, fit and energetic with many interests: running, tennis, working out, reading, music, films, travel, spirituality, etc. seeks GM, any race, non-smoker, who knows himself for friendship and/or relationship. I am flexible, open, even-tempered, and very stable. Reply with photo and phone to BT Box JA121 or call ★★1485.

Sincere GBM seeks committed long-term relationship with HIV-neg top. Monogamy is a must. No games or bar junkies, please Reply BT Box JA122.

If You

are an easy going GWM in your twenties, open minded, clean shaven, with a sense of humor, this romantic fun-loving 22 year old Asian wants to meet you. Not impressed by dick size, role playing, HIV status, nor material status. I am impressed by honesty and a youthful spirit. Write 740A 14th Street #201, San Francisco, CA 94114 or call ★★1486.

OK—So I'm Not Perfect...

This GWM, 27, 6'2", 260, HIV neg, blue-eyed/brown hair is looking for a monogamous relationship based on honesty and trust. Interests include: photography, museums, long walks, cooking exotic dishes, foreign films, and music of all types. People who smoke and use drugs need not respond. Please enclose a photo/phone # and letter to: Boxholder #2743, Danville, CA 94526 or call ★★1487.

Very Vanilla Fitness Dude

Working out, in good shape, and looking for another physique-conscious buddy to enjoy playful, affectionate body contact, like belly-humping, mutually caressing masturbation, cuddling. Sometimes vigorous, never heavy, often lubricated, always clean, safe and substance-free. I'm WM, 44, 5'8", 165, bald, bearded, healthy HIV +, independent but open-hearted, also into yoga, meditation, wilderness. Reply BT Box JA123 or call ★★1488.

A Balanced Life Together

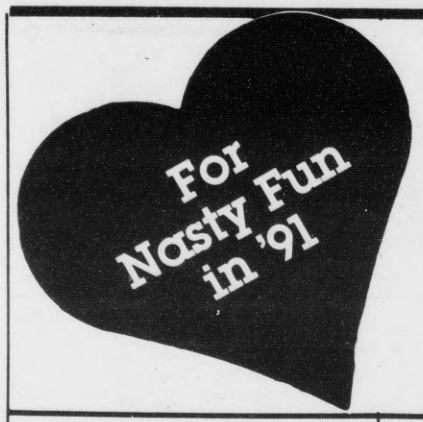
Handsome, prof. GWM, light brown hair, blue/green eyes, 6', 155, with toned runner's build and clean cut, boy next door good looks (not a small accomplishment for mid-40's!) wants to meet an equally youthful GWM in his 40's (or mature 30's) to share bed and breakfast for the rest of our lives. I encourage you to answer this ad if you want a monogamous relationship with a balance of outdoor, cultural, and home oriented activities. Do you enjoy life? Do you want to grow

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Professor Seeks Boyfriend

GWM, 35, 6 ft., 180 lbs, clean shaven—friends tell me I'm goodlooking. Seeks men any race 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. Live in Santa Cruz but may move to city in spring. In comparative lit and cinema. Currently writing book on gay male subjectivity. Favorite writers: Killian, Gluck, Cooper. Love popcorn, cuddling, flannel pajamas, sessions by a roaring fire. Reply BT Box JA125 or call ★★1490.

I'm Tall, Slender, and Affectionate...

You are a masculine "guy next door" with an average build, 26-39. We both enjoy hiking, weekend trips, intimacy and are open to a monogamous relationship. We are also HIV neg, nonsmokers, and light drinkers. Sounds good? Then this somewhat shy 31 year old GWM who is 6'2", 170, with light brown hair, moustache, and blue eyes wants to hear from you. Reply BT Box JA126 or call ★★1491.

Mine Is Big

Heart that is. Equipment ain't bad, either! Looking for a guy with a sense of humor who is lusty, masculine, in shape, works at being emotionally available and articulate, non-smoker (occasional toke or drink, ok). I'm 6'1", 165, dark blonde, blue eyes, bushy 'stache, healthy HIV +, creative professional, versatile top/bottom, active c/w dancer, like rock, show, classical music, travel, theatre, film, Married with Children, Jeopardy. C'mon, give it a shot. Reply BT Box JA127 or call ★★1492.

No Vanilla Sex

I am a trim in shape horny mid 40's east bay bottom into hot experimental safe sex, leather, bondage, kink. No serious romance, just friendly hot times. Reply BT Box JA128 or call ★★1493.

Lover Man

GWM, 32, 6', 160, bearded, blue-eyed, bright, sensual, slim (not muscular), tight ass, seeks topman, non-smoker, HIV-neg., funny, smart, for committed romance, good company and hot sex. Bonus for outdoorsman, rugged, bearded, dark-haired, brilliant, clever, creative, big stick! Flaws are nice, perfect people needn't respond. Let's savor each step, not hurry things. Begin with a friendly letter and we're on our way. Reply boxholder, P.O. Box 191346, SF 94119.

Dream Lover

I'm a handsome, romantic GWM, 5'10", 175, blue eyes, brown/gray hair and moustache, exceptionally fit and toned at 51. You are perhaps 10-15 years younger, attractive, perhaps smaller, balding and hairy, and you'd love to join me for hikes in the woods and warm snuggly nights by the fire. You want a lover to share your life with, someone you feel proud of and look forward to coming home to. You don't smoke, feel good enough about yourself to keep in shape, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Reply with photo to BT Box JA129 or call ★★1494.

Attractive GAM

48, with firm and youthful physique, 5'6", 125, seeks romantic GWM 30's-40's with clean cut collegiate/businessman type, who appreciates gentle caresses, warm fireplace, total self indulgence and safe sex as well as enjoying the outdoors with all its exhilirating sensualities. Prefer non-smoking negative status as I am of the same for a trusting, caring & bonding relationship possibilities. Returnable photo will receive mine. Reply BT Box JA130 or call ★★1495.

Need Control?

GWM, 32, bearded, pierced, HIV + seeking bottom/slave for bondage, obedience training, light s/m. I want to tie you down, play with your tits, take charge of your cock & balls, play with your ass, feed you my dick. I'm looking for fun and games with the potential for developing an ongoing arrangement. I'm 5'9", 145, handsome, workout body, light drinker, non-smoker; you are similar. Smaller build, uncut a plus. Reply BT Box JA131 or call ★★1496.

501 Blues

Athletic GWM seeks others who have similar interests in Levi 501s. If you're most comfortable wearing the typical "jeans & t-shirt" attire, please respond. This may prove to be one of those incomparable encounters. Reply BT Box JA132 or call ★★1497.

Masculine, Muscular, Well-Hung Men

Straight, bisexual, or gay, trim, well-built, weightlifter, young-looking, attractive HIV-negative, sought by attractive, HIV-negative, trim, muscular, masculine, Mediterranean man, 30, 5'8", 155 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, hairy chest, tan complexion, for friendship, fantasy, and erotic fun, relationship possible. I love to give massages and service the right muscular and/or well-endowed man. Phone/photo appreciated, returned upon request. Reply BT Box JA133 or call ★★1498.

You're the Top/You're the Colosseum

Intelligent, affectionate, cuddly 60 y.o. teddy bear with wavy salt and pepper hair wants to meet versatile man for safe-sex meetings, friendship and other possibilities. Extra points for being spiritual, self-aware, sensitive, well read, a good conversationalist. Extra extra points for a good listener. Those looking for sugar daddy or codependent relationship need not reply. Reply BT Box JA134 or call ★★1499.

"In Quest Of"

a GM 21-31, interested in toys, toons, and tunes, reading shopping, cooking, architecture, outdoors, movies, working out, honesty, spontaneity, and exotic adventures. I am a GWM, 31, 6'2", 185 lbs, HIV –, in shape, with sandy blonde hair, hazel green eyes, hairy chest and legs. I like to have fun, how about you? Photo &/or descriptive letter with phone. Reply BT Box JA135 or call ★★1500.

Meaningful Sex

They say you can't look for love—okay then, this 5'6" 43-year-old, 130 lb., hairy, moustached, oral, HIV neg., attractive, cuddly GWM will welcome the next best thing. If you're masculine, well endowed, affectionate, sensual, sane and would like to share an occasional evening of passion & play, send a letter & returnable photo. Couldn't hurt. Might be fun. Might be more. Reply BT Box JA136 or call ★★1501.

Video Artists Seeks Models

To work in a home video project showing the male body as art—not porn. Contact me and let me explain my concept. This is your chance to express and expose yourself in the style and class of a Michelangelo painting. No pay, however the experience and involvement in male nude art will be priceless. Your identity in video not necessary. Reply BT Box JA137 or call ★★1502.

Movies, Muscles and Me

Young, slender, cute guy, 24, br/bl, seeks movie buddy (non-porno) to see films with on a regular basis. No strings—just a good time at home (VCR) or away (theatre). Looks aren't important—but muscle-heads get priority!! If you like going to movies, but not alone, I'm your guy. Send a letter describing yourself or just call! New 1991 films and me are waiting! Reply BT Box JA138 or call ★★1503.

Grab This!

Hip fun loving urban GWM 36, 6', 170 lbs, brn/brn, cleanshaven guy seeks same who appreciates fleamarkets, movies, dinner and sexy times, in bed and out. Reply BT Box JA139 or call ★★1504.

Black Tie to 501s

Work at 7:00 am. Meetings all day! I've had enough. Into the car and off to the gym. Home by 6:30. A quick shower. I'll pick you up at eight. With Lisa Stansfield serenading us, we talk about our days and head for dinner. Wine, candlelight, conversation. Let's head home. We hit the door and... I wake you up at 7:00. Sorry, you just look too handsome when you're asleep. We are both attractive, adventuresome, HIV –, educated, affectionate, men who love, laugh and live with commitment and passion. Being that we are both in our 30's, we know what we want and can't settle for less. Intrigued? Letter and photo please. Reply BT Box JA140 or call ★★1505.

GWM 30

Attractive, real into developing a relationship with a sensitive, level-headed GWM who is also into bodybuilding, good values, spirituality. I am professional, well educated, psychologically-minded, into monogamy. Enjoy sports, arts, sentimental moments. Let's develop a strong relationship and body together. You should be serious at times, playful at others. Photo (if able) and phone appreciated: P.O. Box 9636, Berkeley 94709-0636.

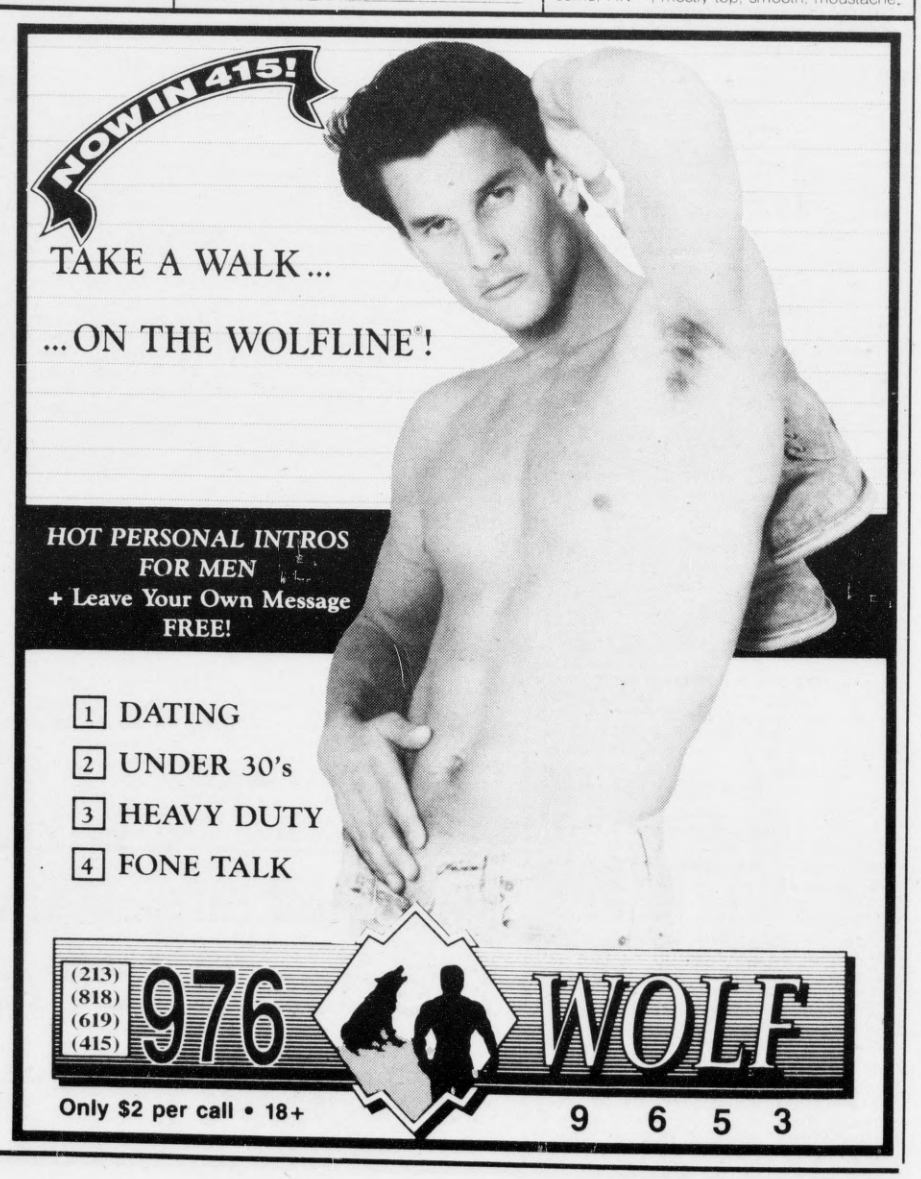
Ed Who?

I'm 30-something, considered handsome, tall and lean, democrat, goal-oriented, a full-time professional/part-time grad. student, passionate about music (from Madonna to Sinatra), classic cars, mountain biking, optimism, and clean-cut guys, looking for romance, honesty, sarcasm, a long-term monogamous relationship, and a "touch of wild." Interested? Are you also attractive, definitely masculine, HIV –, born between 1955 and 1965, don't hate suburbia, want the best "mother-in-law" in the Bay Area, know who Ed Sullivan was, possess a strong libido, tired of "doing it" solo, above average I.Q., and an ability to have fun? (No "full-time" adults wanted.) Then sit down and start writing. Don't hesitate because once I'm hooked the spoiling begins and the "action" stays at home. Letter and photo to BT Box JA141 or call ★★1506.

Catholic Sweetheart

The Best Little Boy in the World was an altar boy, boy scout, traffic boy and number one in his high school graduating class. At 35 he embraced his gayness. At 43 he's ready to settle down with another sweetheart: mature, generous, honest, happy, healthy, professional, non-smoker, personable. My life is great and I'm looking for the right person with whom to share it. I'm handsome, HIV –, mostly top, smooth, moustache,





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East Bay Man

A recent date told me if I ever placed an ad to describe myself as a hot, passionate, loving man. I'm 32, 6'0", 170 lbs, dark hair, green-eyes, clean-cut, swimmer's body, athletically-inclined. I like dancing, the beach, sunshine, roller coasters, quiet conversation, massage and being involved with life and others. I'm expecting to meet someone around my age who likes himself, laughs a lot and desires to have a special closeness in his life to balance things out. He's also proud of his appearance and can be sexually attracted to someone else without acting on it immediately. Le me know more about you in a note with your photo. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 1841, Martinez, CA 94553.

Me

I am tall, handsome, slim, fun, open, aware, sensitive, wild, sensual, happy, employed, boyish, shy, and intellectual. I like art, literature, Dead Can Dance, history, friends, pot, good food, parties, touching, dancing, adventure, exploring, opera, fashion, nice hands, cute Latin/Native American/ethnic guys, sweets, film, Club Uranus, and stimulation. I am not a relationship addict, angst-ridden, pessimistic, obsessed with being PC, covered in Day-Glo stickers, insecure, or insincere. I don't like most country music, vapid literature, the overall state of American society, hypocrisy, schmoozing, incestuous cliques, or being single for the third straight year. Have I tickled your fancy?—that's only the beginning! Reply BT Box JA142.

Am I Asking for Too Much?

I am a 29 year old 6'1" 165# HIV neg. GWM who is looking for that special man to share my life with. I like to think I am good-looking, athletic, affectionate and easy-going. I enjoy sports, the beach, movies, progressive rock and country music and good food. I am seeking a GWM 24-32 who is HIV neg., slender, in-shape, tolerant, open-minded, playful, sexy, and knows the meaning of monogamy and commitment. Please no drugs or heavy drinkers. If you think we can make each other happy please send letter with photo to BT Box JA143.

Hirsute Fuzzy Hairy

When you stand in front of the mirror in your boxers, do one of those words come to mind? How about the terms fit, non-smoker, and not overweight? While height and age are relatively unimportant, physical attraction is. And if the man you see in the mirror is described above, that'll do it for me. I'm a late 20's small white guy (slim, trim and on the short side), have very short dark hair, am physically active (gym workouts, hiking, etc.), bright, have an odd/wry sense of humor, am a bit quiet and shy, tend to be a home-body, can sometimes be frisky and playful and other times am a hopeless romantic. Above and beyond all that, I'm still single and am looking to change that with a few good dates. Can you help out? Grab a pen and bend my ear (a phone number will let me bend yours back quickly). Let me know your incidentals by writing to P.O. Box 460611, SF, 94146-0611 or call ★★1507.

(Anti-)HIV (Positive) Brigade!

Finely fettled fellow fighter, sweetly spicy specimen, sought to help this silicon valleyed professional, tightly built nonsmoking athletic former model of 52 (I know, but honest!) battle the forces of the evil HIV viroids and their ideological henches by engineering good times and even romance, to beat this bum rap with a top-priority survival directive! The happier the healthier, right? Reply BT Box JA144 or call ★★1508.

Ready to Play?

Want to meet healthy, sexy, athletic, masculine, muscular, young-thinking WM or Latin top/versatile to age 42 with a sense of humor for hot, lusty, wrestling/safe sex fun times. Winner takes all? Me: Educated, affectionate, sensual, smooth, versatile, younglooking and acting BM, 6', 185 lbs. gym-regular. I'm into touching, massage, cuddling, porn and sensitive nipples. Interested? Photo appreciated (exchanged). Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 190182, SF 94119 or call ★★1509.

Let's Get Together

for fun dating, sex and, if we're lucky, take the time to develop a committed relationship—my ultimate goal. I am prof. GWM, 49, 5'7", gray, balding (not much left atop), trim, runner, living in SF open to any race. Generally prefer similar in size/age, oral sex, cut, non-smoker, light drinker, movies, theater, opera, hiking/biking?, outdoors, old houses/cars, bowling?, some tennis/skiing. Reply BT Box JA145 or call ★★1510.

Small, Cute and Kinda Offbeat

I'm kinda short, kinda dark and kinda cute, too. Also, I'm a tad on the intellectual side, too. How 'bout you? About me: mid-twenties, financial district professional, funny, affectionate, sporty, semi-shy, and a huge fan of small jewish men, a cute laugh, the Giants, rain, kisses, Murphy Brown, imaginative sex, Linda Eder and Colm Wilkinson, hairy chests, tight butts, smiles, love. I'm willing, are you? Reply BT Box JA146 or call ★★1511.

Mendocino Man

with interesting and eclectic life in idyllic country setting, looking for a hunky buddy of any race. Good-looking, stable, hard-working, easy-going, intellectual, artistic, philosophical, well-built 6', 170 lbs, GWM 40, with light brown hair & beard, blue eyes and a positive outlook on life and love, seeks compatible companion/friend/lover who is warm-hearted, emotionally mature, good-looking, with sturdy, muscular physique, stimulating intellect, around my age or younger, who shares interest in country living, city diversion, travel and ethnic culture, progressive politics and ecological sensitivity. I'm an affectionate lover, safe, versatile and well endowed, into music (baroque to Brazilian), dance (C&W to Salsa). I avoid smokers, druggers and heavy drinkers, gay exclusiveness and attitude. Open to relationship possibilities from week-end boy friend to live-in lover. I will respond to your letter & photo. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 637, Ft. Bragg, CA 95437 or call ★★1512.

Comfortable and Secure

Relationship-minded GAM seeks easygoing, down-to-earth man to share the ups and downs of life. I'm in my forties, average looks and build, but fit, energetic, and interested in people. I'd like to meet a youthful man who likes the rigors of the outdoors as well as quiet moments at reading and reflection. Write to BT Box JA147 or call ★★1513. Photo and phone appreciated.

Mystery of Life—Balance: Philosophy, Music, Simple/Sensual/Stable Lifestyle & "Homebody"

Asians/Latins/All Races 18-35...Goodlooking, good-natured GWM, 29, 5'9", 150 lbs, hairy, cleanshaven, seeking Friend/friends with similar interests: Wittgenstein, Jaspers, Buber, Twilight Zone, Chaplin, Newhart, Robin, The Far Side, Matt Ramsey, Peter North, Sade, Elton, Simply Red, Mariah, Rundgren, Santana, Prokfiev, KKSF... Something in common? Letter and photo reply BT Box JA148 or call ★★1514.

Marble Foyer

Santa didn't get my letter in time so in 1991 this healthy, attractive GWM, 5'10", 160. HIV neg. is looking for a successful, goodlooking, trim GBM with style, age 40-55. Want to find partner, find home (with marble foyer) and enjoy good music, dancing and exploring the City and environs. I'm non-religious, non-workaholic, just enjoy life's pleasures. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 640696, SF 94164-0696.

Looking for a Real Person

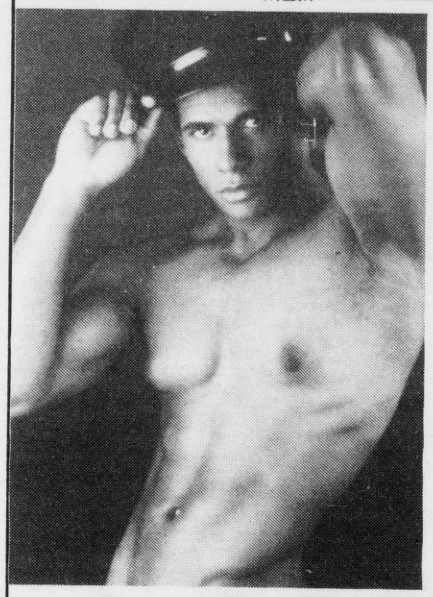
GWM, 5'7", 135 lbs, brn/hzl. Physically fit 42-year-old professional, mostly bottom, with average to attractive looks. I enjoy movies, music, outdoors, computers and exploring the Bay Area. I am healthy HIV+, down-to-earth, independent and honest. With a sense of humor about life. I prefer Latin or Mediterranean looks, but am looking for a sensual, self-confident guy 32-48, in shape, who is truly comfortable with himself and has an appreciation of life. Please send letter and photo (I'll return). Reply BT Box JA149 or call ★★1515.

Heartless

I'm not. But in this ad I'm seeking friends, not a lover. If you are a friendly and attractive Asian male, stable and independent, who shares my interests of theatre, movies, music, dining (American!), travelling, jogging, walking and talking, then this handsome GWM lawyer, 43, 6'1", 180 would like to meet you. Please send photo and letter. Reply BT Box JA150 or call ★★1516.

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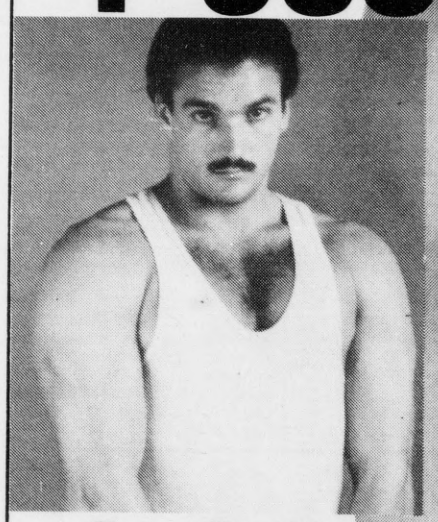
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Bear With Nesting Instinct

I'm a bear and I travel for a living so an intense quality relationship & homelife are important to me. I enjoy pleasures around the house, cooking for friends, and sharing life. I'm also into travel, aerobics, cocker spaniels (however my schedule is too varied to have one), and I'm a private pilot. Me: GWM, 37, 5'10", 165, blue eyes, reddish-blond hair, very hairy (except the top of my head), and HIV –, versatile. You: A GWM, professional, around my age, fit, versatile, and a desire for a quality relationship. Prefer nonsmokers, lite alcohol, and HIV-. Let's exchange letters-photos and see what develops, photos returned. Reply Boxholder, 2370 Market Street, Box 19, SF 94114.

I Left My Heart...

in San Francisco, After being away from my home town for seven years for college and career moves, I decided it's time to come home. 1990 was a wonderful year, because in addition to coming home, I finally came out. I am a GWM, 27, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'6", 130 lbs, and am HIV –. People have told me that I have a good sense of humor, and I think they are right. I am warm, considerate, affectionate, and reliable. Now, I would like to try my hand in a loving, affectionate relationship. I am looking for someone to do all those romantic things that I admire other people doing like holding hands at the movies, moonlit strolls, pillow fights, eating ice cream, dancing, dining, Disneyland, Davies Hall, and the oceanside. I am somewhat well travelled (geographically that is), and love to travel when time permits. I am a firm advocate of safe sex, and want to have fun and exciting experiences with someone who also feels safe sex is a must. You also are affectionate, romantic, reliable, and cute. You should be 25-33 years old, HIV –, and are a light to non-drinker, and drug free. If you have or enjoy humor, are loving, and appreciative of life's beauty, please send a note and photo (optional), and let's meet. Reply BT Box JA151 or call ★★1517.

Fire and Passion Burn in the Heart

which I carry for the right one. This is a fire fed by the desire of someone sensuous, romantic and adventuresome, with a lustful zeal balanced by a kindness, humor, playfulness, and consideration for others. A person with a strong sense of self-worth and independence, and a warmth which flows from the depths of their soul. I'll know him from the impish sparkle in his eyes, eyes that shine with a clarity of mind, a sharpness of wit, and which possess an intelligent outlook on life. Finally this fire is tempered by the knowledge that real relationships are based on friendship, honesty, openness, understanding, and most of all time. So where is this fiery heart lodged? In the chest of a 29 year old, 6 foot, 185 pound, handsome man, with blue-green eyes, light brown hair, and (for those concerned) an HIV-neg status. I am best characterized by my quick smile, my love of laughter, my forthright and unaffected nature, and my enjoyment of both the cute and innocent as well as the highly hedonistic. I insist on ecstatic, sizzlingly hot safe sex, and I leave my partners fulfilled, happy, and wanting more. I am smokeless, drugless and only drink socially. If you are 25-35, self-assured, attractive, healthy and happy, and I've sparked you interest, Reply BT Box JA152 or call ★★1518.

Affectionate Asian

I'm a charming 27 y/o Asian, 5'7", 140lb, who is professional, clean cut, and straight-acting. I enjoy various sports, exciting movies, romantic dinners and intimate passionate nights. I seek special GWM 20/30 something, who like myself, is generally positive, easygoing, sincere, athletic and physically & mentally active. So, let's spend some quality time together. Pls reply w/photo (will return) to P.O. Box 117666, Burlingame, CA 94010 or call ★★1519.

Red Rocks

Do they get you hot? Hoodoos remind you of anything in particular? Kodachrome Basin, Monument Valley, Upheaval Dome, Island in the Sky, Druid Arch, Anticline Overlook, Capitol Reef, Fiery Furnace, The Needles, Dead Horse Point, Paria Canyon, Goblin Valley, Musselman Arch, The Maze, Rainbow Bridge, Virgin Narrows, San Rafael Swell—any of these places get a rise out of you? If so, let's explore together. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 191346, SF 94119 or call ★★1520.

Snow

Telephone poles relax their spines; sidewalks go under. The nightly groans of aging porches are put to sleep. Mercy sponges the lips of stairs. While we talk in the old concepts—time that was and things that are—snow has leveled the stumps of the past and the earth has a new language. It is like the scene in which the boy moves toward the hero who has not yet said, "Come here." Come here, then. Every ditch has been exalted. We are covered with stars! Feel how light they are, our lives. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 191346, SF 94119.

Spanking = Sexual Pleasure

Slap my ass thru my tightest 501s, paddle my bare buns framed in leather chaps, run your gloved fingers down the crack of my ass, play with my nipples, slap my cock and balls with my soft leather paddle... Attractive GWM with great firm ass, 43 (look much less), 5'9", 145 lbs. Please send note with phone. Photo optional. Reply BT Box JA153 or call ★★1521.

Gentle, Romantic Top

Tender-hearted, handsome, loving GWM, 41, 6', 160, non smoker with dark blond hair and lanky build wants to meet a monogamous sweetheart of a guy, 25-45, who is healthy and health conscious, with a collegiate style, good mind, playful sense of humor, and a very big heart. I enjoy being at home together, sharing ideas & feelings, and, while I swim regularly I'm more inclined toward reading, TV, gardening, creative arts, and City interests than athletic and outdoor pursuits. I take my time making love, I talk afterwards, I am a natural giver, a good listener, and someone you can trust with your heart. If you would like to meet a man like me, Reply to BT Box JA154 or call ★★1522 for a quick response. Photos returned but optional..

Your Cup of Tea???

Sex is wonderful, but so is intimacy, and that's rare on first dates. I'd like to get to know you before we "get into it," chemistry notwithstanding. Okay? Good. Read on. Male, 6', well built. I fit Tina Turner's description of "cute-ugly" which is to say attractively sexy without being "pretty." Actually, I prefer Nicholas Cage to Robert Redford types. Also find the college professor looking type extremely attractive. I'd like to develop an intimate relationship with some guy who might get to like me a lot some day. Besides the above, I find shorter men unbelievably attractive (say, 5'6" to 5'10"). Good or stocky builds are pluses as is long hair. My biggest fetish is that a man with cute feet drives me crazy. In character, shyness brings out my protective as well as romantic side. Considering that I fit the Big Black man mold, I'm a pretty gentle, affectionate guy. Passionate (see above time table in opening paragraph), I'm also vulnerable (at 40, no less!) and I appreciate this in another man. As I said, romantic (not a hopeless anything), strong willed (not obstinate), intense (not neurotic or touchy) and very emotionally sincere and honest. Fun, too (although the list of virtues might not look so). I love music, dance, and just about anything else that expresses the beauty of the human soul. Other attractions for me: Scorpio men, people with strong opinions, humanitarian values (very important to me). So, if you're between 25-40, and would like to get to know someone like me (I hope so!) who will treat you like the prince you no doubt deserve, and is a "giver" instead of a taker and will love the hell out of you if the chemistry works, write. A picture and phone number would help me; I'll return the favor if requested. Sweet dreams my future prince. Reply BT Box JA155.

Husband Potential

Are you wondering if I'm for you? If you're looking for a down-to-earth, sexually uninhibited man, than I'm only a letter away. I'm 31, well put together, dark eyes/hair/beard, 5'10", 170# and a naturally masculine big kid with sound values, honesty to a fault at times, and the best friend to those I care most about. I'm looking for that rare breed, close to the earth bodily and spiritually, who's ready to share life's experiences and journeys. If you're out there, please write with photo. You never know... Reply BT Box JA156 or call ★★1523.

Skin to Skin

Except for my head I am totally smooth, muscular 40's. Wants same or alapeciauniversalis. For sensual frottage, j/o & nipple play. Reply with phone # and photo ret. to Occupant, Box 8, 2300 Market St., SF CA 94114.

Somewhat

Skeptical, intense, independent...yet naive, easy going, afffectionate... Me: clean cut, healthy, cute, 5'9", 150#, br/br, mid-twenties. Weakness for big smiles, music (modern and blues), art, travel, ethnic food (I can't cook), humor, film and warm places. Reply BT Box JA157 or call ★★1524.

Likeable East Bay Guy

Tall, slender, 6'3", 185 lbs, 42 year old, HIV +, Anglo wants a steady, loving friend of any race to share playful good times and relaxing evenings at home. You're probably 30-50, independent, easygoing, and looking for commitment. We are both nonsmokers who use little alcohol and no drugs and enjoy versatile safe sex. I'm a warm person, comfortable to be around, career oriented and serious about building a loving, warm relationship. Please write Boxholder, P.O. Box 56260, Hayward 94545 or call ★★1525.

. Start the Year Right

Let's get to the point, the holidays are over and once again I was single, now it's time to start the New Year right! I'm 29, 6'0", 160 lbs, brn/grn, HIV –, professional, good looking, enjoy music, dancing, people, life and good sex. I'm in search of a partner or friend who is under 30, HIV –, good looking, stable and enjoys life. Light smoke, drink o.k. If interested please send returnable photo to BT Box JA158 or call ★★1526.

My Prince Charming is a slim, long-haired...

free thinking, Haight-Street-type artist who can casually remove his clothings, and laugh or cry without reservation. I find the "under dog" or "misfit" quality very endearing. I'm GAM, 31, 5'6", 125#, HIV –, not a substance abuser, youthful, unconventional and artistic. Sometimes quiet, sometimes outrageous, but always warm-hearted. If you'd like to be my pal, please send picture and letter to BT Box JA159.

Investigative Reporter

Thirty-something, GWM, 5'11", 175, HIV neg., transplanted Easterner with fine mind, boyish looks, intact heart, city-roamer and beachcomber, roses-for-no-special-reason romantic whose second-favorite Sunday morning activity is curling up with the New York Times. Seeking scoop on thirty-something grownup, winsome and cuddlesome and wise, with an intriguing story to tell. Thoughtful replies with photo/phone appreciated. Reply BT Box JA160 or call ★★1527.

Looking for Young Guy to Explore Intimacy

Handsome and cute looking GAM—early 30's, healthy, HIV negative, college type, preppy; looking for young GWM/Latino for friendship and more. You: 18-30, healthy, HIV negative, into safe sex. College type a plus, no drugs, into lots of fun and no strings attached. Reply BT Box JA161 or call ★★1528.

Would You Like

to go for a ride in the country with me? This romantic, good-looking together GWM is interested in meeting other handsome, sexy guys for fun dates, romantic adventures! Me: 35, brown hair, green eyes, 5'11", 150 lbs, muscular, defined, healthy HIV +. You: together 25-40, very good looking, muscular, with desire to share fun times. Let's take a ride and see what happens: photo/phone to BT Box JA162 or call ★★1529.

Mid-Peninsula Man

Tall dark and handsome mid-thirties man seeks other down-to-earth types for conversation, fun and passionate embraces. I'm a family oriented, spiritual, unconventional businessman who is concerned with social change. With an offbeat sense of humor and a passion for life I think I'm a lot of fun to be with. If you are similar or can appreciate the same let's make contact. Reply BT Box JA163 or call ★★1530.

Shall We Dance?

Former dancer (ballet) and still part-time choreographer seeks friend and lover. An idealist and romantic, I worship the beauty of Ballanchine, the creativity of Stravinsky, the vision of Sondheim. At 44, I hold onto my dream which is to continue my creative choreographic life. I earn a moderate but comfortable income working at a local hospital. Still take dance class and am in pretty good shape for my 5'7" frame, 140 lb. body. My degree is in Music. Am passionate, sensitive, deeply spiritual. Am as comfortable sitting in a concert hall as backpacking to a mountain lake. Seek someone between 35 and 45 with a lean to average build with whom I can talk easily and feel comfortable. I value intelligence, kindness, honesty, open mindedness, devotion, fidelity, generosity of heart, the sharing of simple pleasures—all of which I offer you. Reply BT Box JA164 or call ★★1531.

Wanted:

An attractive, HIV-negative guy, 20-40 yrs., with a non-judgmental attitude, who doesn't drink, smoke, drug or abuse, is considerate, caring, affectionate and intelligent, takes the initiative and has a nice body, including a nice butt. I am 29, tall and independently wealthy. I want to be me, and you should be you. Call or write. Reply BT Box JA165 or call ★★1532.

Tired of Being a Good Boy

I'm a slave of my image. Now I'm eager to explore new horizons. GAM, 30, slim and youthful, interested in escaping to the world of knights and dungeons, testing my limits of bondage and fun sex. If you're 20 something to 30 something, GWM a plus, enjoy fantasies, stories, role-playing and thrills, you're my hero. Please send reply with picture to BT Box JA166.

Young, Masculine Top Wants Quality Lover — 30-50

Do you want to build a permanent relationship with an intelligent, handsome, masculine younger man who has a muscular build, attractive face with dark hair/eyes/moustache and a warm, outgoing personality? I'm a passionate and imaginative top, endowed, gym-fit and hairy-chested. I'm as comfortable at black tie social events as I am on a hiking trail and enjoy theatre, opera, symphony, cruises, world travel, great restaurants and great hotels as well as gym workouts, cycling, jogging, beaches, and the outdoors. While I'm still in my mid-20's I have a natural attraction and mental affinity with a man who is in his 30's or 40's. Unlike some of my peers, my life experience has been rich. I'm well-read, well-travelled, speak several languages, and I have a clear and mature focus in life. I have a graduate degree from John Hopkins and an interesting job. I want to meet a very bright, very successful, well-travelled man 30-50, with sophisticated tastes, a stable yet dynamic personality, and a warm-hearted monogamous nature. Physically, you have a trim or toned build with proportionate weight, average height (5'8" to 6'2"), a masculine manner, and a preference for being bottom in bed. You are HIV negative, drug-free, and a non (or light) smoker. Most important of all is that you are sensitive, caring, growth-oriented, and willing to commit yourself to a lasting, quality relationship. Reply BT Box JA167 or call ★★1533.

Don't Circle This Ad

Answer it—if you could be happy with an attractive, funny, affectionate, intelligent, talented, romantic, well-read, well-hung, versatile, sexual, honest, available Irish-looking actor/writer/teacher/lover. I'm 38, 6', 190, trim beard, dark eyes, hair thinning on top but abundant on chest, etc. Masculine image belies gay sensibilities. I'd like to try some new things (working out, CW dancing, leather, your interests) instead of things I've given up or never wanted (bars, compulsions, boredom). You're probably attractive (in any of many ways), bright, any race, weight-height proportionate, under 45, interesting and interested. Letter/photo preferred. Reply BT Box JA168 or call ★★1534.

East Bay Cuddle

Latin Man, mid 30's, 5'6", 140 lbs, blk/brn seeks to expand circle of friends for a potential relationship. I'm HIV negative, stable, caring, intelligent, outgoing and attractive. I enjoy gardening and outdoor activities as well as quiet evenings at home. I'm looking for someone with compatible preferences, between 25 & 45 yrs old. Race not important. Photo appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5881, Oakland, CA 94605.

Genuine Nice Guy

I'm an intelligent, witty, professional GWM, 25, 165, 6'. I'm kind, considerate, honest, inexperienced, and a genuine nice guy. I enjoy cooking, movies, theater, restaurants, reading, and walking around the City, among other things. I don't smoke or do drugs and am neither an athlete nor an afficianado of bars. I'm somewhat shy and prefer socializing in small groups. I'm looking for another genuine nice guy, close to my age, with similar qualities who is willing to take the time to become friends as part of a serious relationship. Reply BT Box JA169 or call ★★1535.

Borderline Intellectual

Very bright, politically active and leftleaning attractive Jewish man looking for love (or something closely resembling it). I am serious (with a good sense of humor), stable, unpretentious, "professional," communicative, and independent. I have many interests (some acquired through extensive travel), and am open to new things and ideas. I'm 31, 5'7", 155#, br/br, and HIV –. Regular workouts keep me in good physical shape. I'm looking for an attractive man in his late 20's to mid-30's who's politically also on the left, is well-educated, very smart and emotionally literate (therapy experience a big plus). A warm, physically fit, HIV – non-smoker who knows how to be supportive and likes to express his feelings. Your photo (return promised) gets you mine. Reply BT Box JA170.

Warm, honest, and sincere man 34 would like to meet other men for friendship, dating, and more. I like you have many interests: mine include enjoying the outdoors, foreign cultures, and all San Francisco has to offer. I like you am in top physical condition, HIV +, and educated. Go ahead take the chance and respond. I look forward to hearing from you. Reply BT Box JA171 or call ★★1536.

Workout Partner Wanted

I've got a great Universal-type home gym, (hot tub too!), but find it's hard to push myself to work out alone. I need the motivation of a set time and an inspiring workout partner. I'm in Mill Valley, 45, 6'1", 168 lbs. I'm looking for someone for regular workouts, days or evenings. If something more develops...great! Reply BT Box JA172 or call ★★1537.

R U Short and Muscular?

Although I like many "types," I am very attracted to short, well-built men. I'm 37, 5'9", 180 lbs w/broad shoulders, blue eyes and a hairy chest. I like men w/muscles, cuddling, dancing, leather, versatile sex. laughter and my daily workouts. If you find this ad interesting, are in-shape (beefy or muscular) and enjoy play and humor both in and out of bed, reply w/ photo, phone and/or letter: P.O. Box 14591, San Francisco, CA 94114 or call ★★1538.

References Available on Request

All the good ones are NOT taken. There's you and me, for example, and probably others. For now, let's focus on us. Bachelor No. 1 is a caring, attractive, intelligent, emotional, forthright-yet-shy kinda guy. A full-time computer-puncher finishing my master's in psychotherapy, I'm a youngish 34, 5'11", 160#; strangers keep saying I look like "a Kennedy" (I don't see it but that's kind of a wide spread from John Jr. to Rose anyway). I'm in fine health unless you count HIV as a bad thing (it sure helps you not sweat the small stuff). I'm pretty undomesticated, don't like to shop or cook or keep house (so my apartment is done in pizza cartons, laundry and reading material). On the other hand, I'm trainable. I get a great spiritual hit from Nature—sunsets, oceans, inclement weather—but I wouldn't want to camp far from a hot shower. I say a good cry is a good thing. Sure, I like food and music and movies and "Jeopardy." But enough about me. Let's hear about you, you sweet, smart, goodlooking, honest, affectionate, 26-to-33-year-old, hopeful bundle of homoerotic desire. I am compelling you to write with my thought waves. And hey, kids, remember that unretouched photo. You know how I get. Reply BT Box JA173.

Playful Guy

Goodlooking, 29, w/brn hair/eyes, 5'3", 132 lbs, healthy in-shape, HIV –, successfully self employed, excellent communicator/listener. I'm playful, sincere, affectionate & considerate. Non-drug or smoke user. Occasional social drinker. Emotionally mature & comfortable w/my masculine sexual orientation. Good self image. Personal & financial responsibilities important. Ethnoculturally/politically correct. Flexible and open to compromise. Safe sexual versatility important (GR/FR). Movies, C/W dancing, KBLX, bicycling, theater, quiet evenings, weekend get-a-ways, reading, dining out, Star Trek are a few of interest. Looking for playfully mature 25-ish to 45-ish, like salt & pepper hair and/or bald(ing), 5'2" to 6'2", HIV – w/healthy outlook, full-time employed, values future financial security, communication important, non-drug/smoker, flexible, masculine and sexually versatile. Your returnable photo and letter gets mine. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 460508, SF, CA 94146.

Friend/Lover

GWM, 52, 6', 190 lbs., HIV-neg., attractive, healthy, non-smoker, light drinker no drugs, self-employed. Looking to share the good things in life, great times and gentle loving with an in-

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telligent companion who is masculine, honest and stable. Box 507, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114.

New Year

I'm GWM, looking to start '91 off by meeting other available Bay Area men. I'm 38, 5'7", 155, work as a healthcare professional, am some kind of combo of spunky, dry-witted, shy, intelligent, irreverent, excitable, casual. I'm lean, fit, healthy (HIV–) and plan to stay that way. I'm looking for other men, 30-45 who are fit, comfortable being gay, emotionally available and self sufficient. Probably wouldn't get on well with men describing themselves as "very muscular" or "very attractive" but some of both would be nice. Letter and photo to BT Box JA174.

PWA Seeks Same

The past few months I've been too pooped to pop, but not too tuckered to travel. The Vita-Veta-Vegemans I've been on left me a little less than romantic. With the constant change in my potpourri of prescriptions I'm feeling a little more peppy to meet someone of the PWA persuasion. I'm a college educated, GWM, attractive, 28 yo., 6'2", br/bl, 150 lbs. I'm versatile, but looking more for a monogamous companion to cuddle and spend time with. You are around my same physical description with a healthy attitude about AIDS. My interests are wide and varied and include volunteer work. Photos are appreciated and will be returned. Write to P.O. Box 460856, SF, CA 94146-0856.

Tough Titties

Attractive, affectionate GWM, 27, HIV+, 5'10", 210 lbs, with a twisted sense of humor and great flair for living seeks warm, cuddly teddy bear for sweaty, kinky, sleazy fun. You: older, hung, hairy, imaginative top (size and weight aren't crucial) who's sexually creative and enjoys safe, rough play with a long-hair, soft-flesh bottom. Write me or phone in your favorite sex fantasy or dream up a new one and let's compare notes! Your raunchy photo or family portrait gets expedient reply. Reply BT Box JA175 or call ★★1539.

Warm, sensitive, mostly top 30 y.o., 5'10", 150 lbs. professional GWM, seeks intelligent boy (18-26) with a sense of humor. Capable of good times and stimulating conversations in and out of the sack. My interests include movies, dancing, pool and most importantly the AIDS health care system. Though I'm HIV–, your HIV status isn't an issue, as mine shouldn't be either. Activists, politically aware, environmentally concerned reply with photo if possible. Reply BT Box JA176 or call ★★1540.

Looking For a Nice Guy

GWM, 28, 5'8", 145 lbs, HIV–, blonde/blue, handsome, educated, seeks someone for friendship developing into deeper intimacy and possible commitment. You: stable, attractive, educated, healthy, warm, friendly, 25-35, open to any race. My interests: theatre, biking, dancing, aerobics, travel, etc. I value: honesty and straightforwardness, loyalty, affection, spirituality. Please enclose photo. Reply BT Box JA177 or call ★★1541.

Earthy Lover

I am looking for someone who is relationship oriented with monogamy in mind. I'm a good looking 36, 6'3", 185, HIV negative, brown/hazel, moustache, sometimes bearded GWM. I'm drug free, smoke free and drink occasionally. I'm kind, compassionate, tender and enjoy life in all its simplicity and craziness. I enjoy passionate love making and am versatile. I enjoy everything that life can offer but am not a slave to anything whether it be the gym, traveling or shopping. So if you are someone who is down to earth, enjoys life, has a great sense of humor, 31-45 and shares some similar qualities let's meet and see what happens. Send returnable photo if possible with phone number and letter. Reply BT Box JA178 or call ★★1542.

South Bay

42 yr old GWM, 5'9", 160 lbs, HIV–, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, 12 stepper, non drinker, non smoker, no drugs, runner. Enjoy life, believe that sharing it will only make it better. Relationship minded, like to try new things, adventuresome, quiet times to wild sex. Romantic, good listener, believe that communication is the most important aspect of a good relationship. Yours, mine, & ours is a principle that can be used for a foundation. Looking for a man HIV– of similar build, my age or younger who shares some of what I have described. Please send photo, letter to: Boxholder, P.O. Box #5, 137 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

Daytime Suit/Night Leather

Full leather, hoods, masks, gloves, serious tit work, B/D, domination, mutual, ball work, erotic S/M, pain/pleasure, leather fetishes, JO. FR/A with condom, FF/A with gloves, seeking Leather Dominant, 40-50 yrs. old, for on-going leather rolationship. Me: 6'4", masculine, good looks, intelligent, muscular beefy build, intelligent, Securities Investor, sense of humor, loyal, likes learning new things, a good friend, more. You ideally 6'+, 200 lbs+, 40+, shaved nut sac, 7"+, playroom, interest in business, tit work, leather, domination, fetishes. All replies considered, including White, Black, Latin, Asian, Ethnic, blue collar. No bar flys, no smokers; sharp only. "I know you're out there, Buddy; if your leather hasn't been used for a while for lack of a partner, now's the time to let me know." Photo optional (returnable). Reply BT Box JA179.

Submissive Young GWM Seeks Macho Top for SM Training

I'm a good-looking 24 year old GWM and am dying to serve a hot, macho white or Latino man, 25-40, with all my body and soul. I'm 5'10", 145 lbs, br/br. I'm too shy in bars to meet a guy who will own me and train me to worship him and the ground he walks on, but know I'm willing to do almost anything my future master tells me to. Will it be you? Fantasies include bondage, licking boots, and watersports. Extra turn-ons are leather jackets & army boots. Please send descriptive letter and photo (if possible). Reply BT Box JA180.

Slim Teen Lover Wanted

Very nice, well educated, professional GWM 50, 5'7", 50 lbs., Scottish/English ancestry. Brown/gray hair, very trim mustache/beard, glasses, looks like a friendly teacher, wants slender/skinny lover 18–19, any race, kind, friendly, honest, affectionate, sincere, intelligent. Share expert massage, hot, safe sex, friendship, fun, love, possibly become roomates. No drugs, alcohol, or smoking. I can teach English, writing, computers. Box 22181, SF 94122.

I am a Sophisticated Romantic, sensual, warm, affectionate, complex, traditional, urbane, well-travelled professional, educated in England. I am 44, 5'7", 180 lbs with brown hair, eyes and moustache. I am sexually versatile (safe sex only) and HIV negative. I enjoy opera, ballet, theater, cinema, painting, classical music, literature, languages, politics, dinner parties and gourmet cooking, horticulture, bridge, walks in the countryside and travel—both local and international. I have a wonderful circle of friends but have not yet found that special companion. I am looking for a taller man, 35-50, in good physical condition, with similar interests for dating, sensual romantic evenings with a view to a long-term relationship. You should be emotionally mature and financially stable. No heavy drinkers or smokers. Please send a recent photo and a letter telling me about yourself. Reply BT Box JA181 or call ★★1543.

PWA Seeks Same

I am a 39 y.o. GWM brown/blue 160, warm, sensitive, and sincere with a great sense of style and humor. I have been blessed with a very full life and try not to take anything for granted. The one thing missing is one special man to share it with—if you have similar qualities take a chance and contact me. We might both be pleasantly surprised. Reply BT Box JA182 or call ★★1544.

East Bay, Berkeley, S.F.

Tell, thin, muscular, hairy, masculine, sensual, handsome, sensitive, playful, affectionate lover of life and oral expert with big moustache, intense blue eyes, and warm smile, 43 seeks a lean, firm tight bodied, boyishly handsome or cute young man approx. 25-50 any height or race who is sensitive, aware, bright, open-minded, easy going, a little shy and dominantly french passive. My interests include: nature, hiking, beaches, plants, movies (especially comedy, offbeat and adventure, P.B.S., daytrips, flea markets, new age and other music, sensual massage, holistic healing, laughter, quiet times, hugging and open honest communication. If you have your own apt., similar interests or you think we'd be sexually compatible send an honest descriptive letter, ph. and photo if possible to: P.O. Box 3556, Berkeley, CA 94703-0556 or call ★★1545.

Serious Stud Ready to Settle Down

Tall, hot, handsome, hairy chested top, (very fit mid 30's), comfortable in any social situation, seeks a special relationship. My Big, Hard Cock needs lots of attention and my lusty, warm hearted nature makes me crave a quality companion. Are you hungry for a more fulfilling life? Do you fantasize about servicing a perfectly hung stud, who is also intelligent, fun loving and talented? If you are ready to indulge us sexually, and able to be generous and supportive as we develop a mutually enriching life together...let's meet and consider the possibilities. Reply BT Box JA183 or call ★★1546.

Night-Shift Mate

I am 32, HIV+, 5'10", 190#, green eyed, hairy, well endowed Italian guy seeking someone open to a relationship who works the night shift. I'm into the simple pleasures of life—going to the gym, 12-step meetings, cafes, hot sweaty locker room man sex, and just as well since I don't make alot of money. You should be 25-35, HIV+, tobacco tolerant, not into doing heavy drugs & alcohol and have a good sense of humor for this to work. So if you've been wondering where all the hot guys are after you get off work too, please reply with photo to BT Box JA184.

New Year—New Beginnings

I'm a 38 y.o., short and stocky, bearded GWM who is goodlooking, in good shape and HIV neg. I'm a professional with a grad degree who is seeking non-smoking men of any race in and out of the city to date and possibly develop a healthy relationship. I live in Vallejo. I want to meet men who are comfortable with mutual open communication and expressing their feelings without fear. I enjoy communication, eating in and out, sensual versatile sex, bear hugs, sleeping late (my place or yours), my jacuzzi, outdoor activities (walks, hikes, bicycle, snow ski) and weekend getaways, to mention a few. If you like any of the above tell me about yourself in a letter and include your phone and optional photograph. Reply BT Box JA185 or call ★★1547.



When It's Cold Out
how do you stay warm? If you're like me, you prefer concerts, movies, good bookstores, and Asian restaurants to bars, discos, gyms, and dark crowded places. My sofa in front of the fireplace isn't bad either. I'm slim, bearded, under 40, and an avid walker, political progressive, and fan of non – mainstream and ethnic cultures. If you have similar interests and qualities and need to come in from the cold, your letter and photo will get a promt response. Reply BT Box JA186 or call ★★1548.

Affectionate, Creative, Mildly Neurotic
Usually balanced, often comlex, always impertect. Intelligent, sensitive, compassionate, playful, musical, mystical, progressive. Value eclectic spiritual path, simple lifestyle, human transformation, committed relationship, nest – building. Appreciate Nature's pleasures, diverse human culture, occassional vices. Attractive Nordic GWM, 37, 6' 1", 170 lbs., average build, HIV neg. New City resident from East Bay, in mid-life evolution. Seeking loving-hearted men (mature 20s-youthful 40s) for quality friendship or romance (or even safe sex 'til special guy comes along). Boxholder, 584 Castro, # 149, SF, 94114 or call ★★1549.

S. From Benicia:
We met at China Garden on 11-21-90 and talked until R. arrived. You were visiting Mom for Thanksgiving. I would love to see you again. I have the sailboat at the Marina. You live in SF and work in Mt. View. Remember? Dinner's on me! Please write! D.: P.O. Box 5052, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. P.S. How about a sail to paradise?

Seminarians
Still reading? Good! I'm looking for others who can relate to someone with a heartfelt passion for religion, music, and philosophy. No need to be a seminarian, but I figured the title would cause the kind of men I'm looking for to read on (but no fundy literalists, closeted celebates, or new age guru junkies need apply). Me: Oakland, professionally employed, totally out, GWM, 6', 29, 190 lbs., athletic (racquetball 4x week), singer in the choir, dance-aholic, cat and dog lover, non-smoker, non-drinker. You: any race, similar stats (+ for racquetball), and near my age a must. Calls only ★★1550.

Operation Libido Launch
I've got a healthy dose of the 3 B's—Beauty, brains and breeding, along with a fairly decent yin/yang balancing act. Am Italian/Irish, mid 30's, with a sensuous body and an exceptional dick. Be all you can be in this man's army! Reply P.O. Box 410393, SF, CA 94141 or call ★★1551.

Brown Eyed Handsome Man
GWM, 46, 5' 10", 160 lbs., dark brown hair & eyes, balding, mustache, hairy, uncut, versatile mostly oral, HIV – non-smoker, light drinker, regular gym trainer. Eclectic spiritual secular humanist Buddhist, Radical libertarian socialist ecologist. Post literate lover of art, theater, dance, films, dreams, dogs, massage, music (classical, jazz, rock, world beat, Asian) earthy, humorous, playful, romantic realist seeks compatible, fit masculine man 5'6" +, HIV – for conversation, dining together, long walks, dancing, adventure, affectionate, caring, nurturing, loving, sensual, passionate play-commitment? Reply BT Box JA187 or call ★★1552.

Wanted: Buns to Fuck
(and rim), lips to kiss, and a body to snuggle up to all night long. If you can genuinely and eagerly offer all three, then maybe from time to time you would enjoy pleasing and being pleased by this nice-looking, non-smoking, well-hung, clean-shaven, hairy-chested, masculine, warm and affectionate GWM, 42, 5' 9", 160. Condoms always! Please reply with photo (returned if address given) and phone number. Reply BT Box JA188 or call ★★1553.

Gay Neophyte; Beach Bum
WM, 38, 151, 5' 10", masculine, slim, fit, balding, stable, versatile, wants boyfriend who seriously digs jazz, soul, books, bicycles, beaches, learning; rather than TV, clubs, bars and fashion. I'm relatively inexperienced in gay relationships. Would like to meet someone slim, under 40-ish, HIV –, and sweet. Write Boxholder, PO Box 2097, SF 94126 or call ★★1554.

Ready For Romance Now
GWM 30's, seeks a special man to share times with. My stats: 6' 1", hunky, husky body, wavy brown hair, thick moustache, lite drinker, non-smoker/drug user. I'm looking to meet similar GWM's between 27-39 yrs. who are ready for romance and good times. I've lived here for 9 years and am tired of the gay scene and want quality in my life. If this perks your interests, I invite a response w/photo. Boxholder, PO Box 14186, SF, CA 94114 or call ★★1555.

Bed and Breakfast
Good-looking, professional guy, early 30's, more Tom Hanks than Tom Cruse, wants to meet interesting guys for the long term. I prefer guys older than myself, HIV negative, no special type, but really like self-confidence and guys who remember that sex is fun. I sure do. I also like brains, tops, exploring everything and meeting people. I'm 6'1", 180 pounds, dark hair, hazel eyes and moustache. Prefer pictures and detailed responses. Reply BT Box JA189 or call ★★1556.

What Are You Looking For?
I'm an attractive GWM, 30, 5' 9", 145 lbs., brwn/brwn, clean shaven most of the time. I'm a professional who tries not to take work too seriously. I have a wide range of interests/friends from wild to conservative. Sometimes getting to know me can be a challenge, but given time, no one has ever not ended up not liking me. I'm basically a decent, dependable guy with no extremes. I'm looking for a sincere, fun, spontaneous guy who is flexible enough to enjoy life with me. Reply BT Box JA190 or call ★★1557.

Berkeley Progressive GM 28
If Oliver Tambo returning from exile and Vaclar Havel speaking to demonstrators brings tears to your eyes, read on: I am a progressive intellectual attempting a feminist, ecologically sound life amidst as distended consumer society; as passionate about justice as I am about love. I am unconventional and irreverant, and I sport healthy Mediterranean good looks. My goal: new friends and/or more! Reply BT Box JA191 or call ★★1558.

Tits & Hard Dicks
Tit play freak seeks mutualist who gets off by having his tits worked. Hands, teeth, clothespins, alligator clips, erotic abrasion—and with exceptional care and sensitivity—even cigarettes. I'm 40, balding, bearded, stocky leather bear. Let's say I'm hot in my own way. If a clip on your tit makes your dick hard and your head tilt back and moan—contact me. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 4343, SF. 94101.

Private Dick
seeks suspect with dark hair, prominant features, possibly a moustache. Look for scars. Probably Latin or Asian. Classy dresser, but with shit streaks in his underwear. Last seen hanging around the Frisco Bay piers, cigarette dangling from the corner of his mouth. Sought for illegal sexual activity, roughing up a cop, and trigger-happy fingers. His gun is loaded. Dick is 5' 7", 140 lbs., trim. My last lover was a 99 cent special with poison under the gravy. As I looked in the mirror this morning and saw my salt and pepper hair, my gray eyes with their 35 year old lines, I thougint, "Who wants to live in this plug nickel world?" But then there's one more mystery to solve and this time it's you. Evidence: recent mug shot, samples of handwriting or typewritten letters with missing keys, fingerprints on a martini glass, extra dry, I'll eat the olive. Or give a whistle to the Secret Witness Hot Line. You know how to whistle, don't you? Just put your lips together and... reply BT Box JA192 or call ★★1559.

Art, adventures, sweat, sunshine, strength, 32, buddies, bodies, beaches, health, passion, laughs, love, gym, family, friends, chances, fun, dreams, dog, desire, talk, cook, think, flesh masculine, tears, energy, orgasm, enough... PO Box 14224, SF 94114 or call ★★1560.

San Diego Transplant
New to Bay Area. Good looking college-educated GWM, 25, seeking friends to show me around. I enjoy skiing, tennis, hiking and mountainbiking. Musical interests range from Black Box to Depeche to the Dead. I am responsible, down-to-earth, and career oriented. I'm seeking people that aspire for the good things in life and aren't afraid to work for them. Meeting high quality people isn't easy, so I'm hoping this will work. I'd like to meet GWMs, 25-30, not into cigarettes, hard drugs, leather or women's clothing. If you feel you possess the same mind-set as myself and would be interested in showing me what this city has to offer, please respond to Reply BT Box JA193.

All American Type
Goodlooking, Eurasian, br/br, 28, 6' 205, muscular and beefy, masculine. I enjoy movies, travels, evenings in the City and working out. HIV negative and mostly top. Not into the bars. Looking to meet guys 25-35 with similar build and interests. Work in SF, live in East Bay. Photo appreciated/returned. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 191053, SF. 94119.

Slim, Handsome Student from Greece
WM 21, 6', 155 lbs., dark hair/eyes, clean cut, financially secure. Currently studying dental technology. Somewhat shy and inexperienced. Would like to meet new and understanding friends around ages 20-25 for movies, fun, and adventure. I like Italians, Scandinavian or All American types who are smooth and attractive. No smokers, drinkers, or drugs. Please reply with very descriptive letter. Reply BT Box JA194.

Solid Mind, Body, Soul
describes me well. Seeking someone similar. Considered to be a very good looking All American W/M. 25, 5' 11", 191, lite brown hair/green eyes. Clean cut. Mannerly, muscular HIV-. Teach Sunday School (Baptist), love outdoors, BB, Skiing, etc. Want to meet another who is fit, athletic, and has the results of a great workout routine. BB are encouraged to respond. Reply BT Box JA195.

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OK, I'll try it. What do I do?

This is the hard part. But it can be fun, too. The questionnaire is on the righthand side of this page. Refer to the instructions to the right to complete Steps 3, 4, and 5. It is very important to read them carefully. If you do not follow the instructions we cannot guarantee the results. If you need help, call 1-708-991-0693 (9-5 CST, M-F). For additional application forms call 1-800-633-6969 (24 hours).

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Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word **me** beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one **me** under each category. Circle more than one **me** if appropriate.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word **veto, no, ok** or **yes** beside *each and every* item (including those by which you circled **me**) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle *exactly one* of these responses per item, as described below:

Circle **yes** if you *want* that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *for* a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle **ok** if you *don't care* one way or the other. This is an *abstention*—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as **ok**.

Circle **no** if you *do not* want that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *against*—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle **veto** if you want *no matches* with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a *disqualification* and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 **vetos** to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, **either** . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, **or** . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. Noes and yeses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled **no**. However, **vetoes** are exclusive regardless of category rank.

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ComQuest™ Application Form (see instructions to the left)

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I hereby affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I will hold neither ComQuest nor its agents liable for the accuracy of information provided or the behavior or health of the people I meet as a result of its services. (Signature is *required*.)

Signed _____ Date _____

Step 2 - Contact Information - This is the only information we provide to others about you. Please *print* the contact information below which will enable new applicants who get matched to you to contact you. This *must* include at least your first name and either a mailing address or phone number. Use only the space provided. Use some of the space to briefly describe yourself and your interests. If you do not wish for others to contact you, or if you live outside the areas listed in the Residence category below, cross out this section.

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